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## P R E F A C E.

**A** Method of treating Scrophulous Disorders, or the King's Evil having been found by me greatly successful; I resolve to continue to publish this new Edition of many Cases I have had under my Care.

I do it to the End that Sufferers, so long as God may grant me Life and Health, may know to whom to apply for Relief, gratis; or, from the Cases I publish, gather how to cure themselves and Families, especially the Poor; thereby steering clear of the many never-failing Medicines, so pompously set forth in Advertisements.

Those Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery, who have Candour enough to own their Skill has been often baffled in Scrophulous Cases, may attend to the Success my Methods have been blessed with: Those, who are so very learned and self-sufficient as to think they know every Thing, may, if they please, laugh at me.

What I offer to the Public is the Result not only of much Reading, but what is more essential, of many Years Practice on several thousand Subjects Many quite cured; others greatly relieved; Limbs condemned to Amputation preserved; and some turned out of

Hospitals as Inturables, cured ; as well as others, given over by eminent Physicians and Surgeons.

I shall use the plainest Expressions possible, and point out the most simple and cheapest Remedies poor Persons may procure. I neither mind, or shall attend to Criticisms. I shall be contented, if by my Description of the King's Evil or Scrophulous Cases, where there is no Complication of other Disorders, any one may know them. I have found many very much dislike being told their Case was the King's Evil, or Scrophula. Indeed they often are humoured by many of the Medical Faculty, in this Disposition, calling it only scorbutie. This I never do ; but tenderly give my Sentiments without Reserve, and always conceal Names if required.

All I have related is strict Truth ; nor can it be supposed, as I take no Money for my Advice, that I wish to impose on any one. Moreover, for a Confirmation of what I assert, I have mentioned many of the Persons Names, who may be applied to.

To conclude ; I would advise every one not to be disheartened at the Simplicity of the Process, or the Slowness of the Cure ; or mix any other Medicines or Prescriptions with mine : For they may defeat the Methods have laid down, and which have had the Success I shall circumstantially relate.

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 On the NATURE and CURE  
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**SCROPHULOUS DISORDERS**  
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**K I N G ' s E V I L.**

THE King's Evil is a Name given to a very grievous and obstinate Disease, ever since *Edward the Confessor's Time*; because said to be cured by him, and other succeeding Kings, both of *England* and *France*. Above ninety-two thousand Persons are recorded to have been touched for it by King *Charles the Second* only: With what Success is variously related, disputed and believed. Those who have Time, may read Mr. *John Brown*, Surgeon to King *Charles the Second*; his Account of the King's Evil, and other Writers who treat of that Subject. This Disease is either hereditary or accidental. I have found on a close Examination of Persons applying to me, not one in twenty without some Family Taint of it. The lowest Degree of this Disorder seems to be the Swelling of the upper Lip, without any apparent Cause; which I look upon as an infallible Sign of the Evil in the Habit of Body, though no other Appearances. Sometimes both Lips, the Nose, and Cheeks inflame and swell; the lower Jaw-bones are often troubled

bled with Swellings on, and about them, and cause bad and rotten teeth. Frequent Ulcers on the Gums; and many Swellings under the Ears, Jaws, and Chin, and many Parts of the Neck and Shoulders; sometimes smooth, moveable, and not discoloured or painful; at other Times come to Sores, break and run much for a Length of Time, are healed with great Difficulty, and often break out again, if the Habit of Body be not altered. The Eyes are very frequently scrophulous, looking inflamed, and of a dead, reddish, or leaden Colour; and sometimes white Specks on or near the Pupil, or Sight. They are often Forerunners of Cataracts, and total Blindness, if not timely prevented; they often discharge great Quantities of clear, saltish Water, of so corrosive a Nature, that it takes the Skin off the Cheeks. Often small running Ulcers at the inner Corners of the Eyes, which discharge a whitish thick Matter, which glues up the Eye-lids in a Morning, so that they are opened with Difficulty. When these Complaints withstand the usual Methods of Bleeding, Blistering behind the Ears, Cupping, Setons, and almost numberless etcæteras, for Months together, we may venture to pronounce them scrophulous. What some People fancy to be the St. Anthony's Fire is often a Species of this Disorder; Swelling on the Knees and Elbows, without Redness or Inflammation, vulgarly called White Swellings, so that the Bones themselves seem enlarged near the Joints, are to be accounted scrophulous. When Sores or Ulcers have been long near the Joints or Bones, and will not heal with common Applications,

it is a shrewd Sign the Bones are foul and cautious: In that Case Pieces of Bone, sharp ragged, and seemingly worm-eaten, and little Pieces like coarse Sand are seen on the Plasters among the Pus or Matter, when taken off. When the Gristles or Cartilages on the Head of the Bones are consumed, then follows a stiff Joint, by the Bones growing together. The Muscles under the Hams, and the Inside of the Elbows, I have often found to have been divided by the Knife, by unskilful Hands, so that the Joint has been rendered useless. I have met with Swellings within the Throat, the Tonsils greatly tumefied and inflamed, threatening a Suffocation, nothing appeared outwardly. This Distemper may shew itself like a Leprosy, with a thick white Scurf on the Head and elsewhere. When the Disorder falls on the Lungs, beware of a galloping Consumption, as it is frequently called, and is too often fatal to young People, by not attending scrupulously to this Disorder. After the Measles and Small-pox, weak Eyes and running Sores are not unusual, which People seldom think proceed from the Evil, though it is too often the Case. A very dry thick crusty Scab near the Elbows, and Joints, is sometimes seen; which, when removed, is succeeded by others of the same Nature, which are difficult to cure, except the Constitution be mended. The Glands under Womens Armpits frequently swell or tumefy; and their Breasts troubled with hard, unequal, painful Tumours or Swellings, which have been too often taken for Cancers, and the Knife ignorantly used to the irreparable Damage of the poor

Sufferer. Such Breasts neglected, or wrongly treated, often degenerate into real Cancers, when every one knows the Case is deplorable. Should the Bones be foul the Case is bad, though not always to be despaired of: Sometimes the Marrow of the Bone is touched, or the Disease begins in the Bone itself; which may be observed when the Bones themselves seem swelled about the Heads, and afterwards Sores break out and discharge a thin oily Matter, then it is truly a deplorable Case. How often is the Disease conveyed to tender Infants, by scrophulated Nurses, who, till their hidden Infirmities are discovered, shall look like the Picture of Health? When Persons in good Health, free from Excess of Humours, and who on looking back find their Parents have been sound, shall nevertheless find Indications of the Evil in their Children, let them not be astonished; for it is too common. If, upon a curious Enquiry amongst the Relations of a Family, any of the aforesaid Symptoms have been remembered, though a Generation or two distant, the Complaint may be suspected to be the Evil. I have had some Patients applied to me, whose Ancestors were touched by King *Charles* the Second, as I have met with in several Publications, printed about that Time, and their Descendants cured by me lately. How long this Disorder may descend in Families is impossible to ascertain. Unhappy Descendants! who would not endeavour Relief on the very first Appearances of such a lasting Malady? It will lie dormant many Years; appearing and disappearing in some Families for many Generations, and shew itself in various Forms, in all Ages,

Ages, Sexes and Conditions, from the Birth to the Age of Eighty-five, as I have experienced. It shall happen, that one amongst numerous Relations, or many Children of the same Parents, shall only shew it in one Instance and all the rest be free and clear. Slight Rheumatic Pains, about the Joints, are often Forerunners of this Disorder, which at length discovers itself by Tumours or Ulcers appearing on the aggrieved Parts. In short, this Disease appears in so many Forms that it would be almost endless to attempt an entire Description. I think what has been said sufficient to inform Mankind what in ordinary Cases is the simple King's Evil, not complicated. All these, and such like Complaints, are removed by much Time, Patience, and a steady Adherence to my Directions; even for Years in some Subjects. One constant Method I use to every Patient, without Distinction, let their Complaints be what they will. If, upon Examination, I have Reason to suspect them to be scrophulous, is to recommend to them a Piece of fresh common purple Vervain Root, about three or four Inches long, and about the Size of the Patient's little Finger, if Men or Women; to young Children and Infants, as large as their Thumb, and so in Proportion, but not less; because it shrinks much, and contains but little Virtue. Many Patients have been grossly imposed on, by the Sellers of these Roots, who quote my Name to deceive the ignorant Buyer, and I must repeat it, that if a Vervain Root is not that Bigness I recommend, People are greatly deceived, and have little or no Benefit at all from it. Let the Buyer

**Buyer take Heed.** All the Fibres are to be cut off smooth, and as little of the Rind as possible, to be worn always at the Pit of the Stomach, tied with a Yard of white Sattin Ribband, half an Inch wide, round the Neck of Men and Women of an ordinary Stature: if taller an Ell will be wanting; and Children in Proportion. To the better Sort of Females, I propose the Ribband to be fastened through an Eyelet-hole or Loop in the Bosom of the Shift, and so wore, which will be no Eye-sore. A Quarter of a Yard of Ribband will be enough; but no other coloured Ribband is proper: because the Dye in some Colours may be prejudicial. The Root must never be wetted, not when fresh gathered, but wiped clean with a dry Cloth. It must not be sown up, or covered with any Thing, but always worn naked at the Pit of the Stomach. If after wearing, the Ends of the Fibres stick out and hurts or pricks the Stomach, they must be cut off with a sharp Knife as at first. I always cut a little Notch round the upper End of the Root, and tie the Ribband with a double fast Knot, lest it slip out and be lost. When it has been worn a few Days, it will shrink, by the Heat of the Stomach; then the Ribband must be tied faster. A Buckle or Button on the Bosom of a Man's Shirt will be convenient, to keep the Root next the Skin, as well in Bed as up. Observe the Root be not decayed or rotten, but fresh and green when applied; and it is necessary to have a fresh one every Spring and Fall. If I put this Root about the Patient's Neck, I am not ashamed to say, "Pray God give his blessing to these my Endeavours \*", or some such

\* See Eccles. Chap. xxxviii. Ver 14.

such short Ejaculation ; not by way of Charm, or such like Nonsense, but to remind the Patient of our Dependance on the Divine Help, co-operating with the natural Means he has provided for our Comfort and Relief : and surely there is as good Reason to beg his Blessing on this, as on our daily Food. Here in some of my former Editions I was at some Pains in noticing how this Ceremony, if so it might be called, had and might cause Laughter. I will now only say, that the joyful Testimony of the Cured through my Means is a much greater Heart-felt Satisfaction to me than the Derision of all others will ever give me Uneasiness. The Experience I have had of the good Effects of the Vervain-root is enough for me : nevertheless, I will just mention that the great Boyle, in his Essays, has treated of the strange Subtly of Effluvia ; how specific Medicines are reconcileable to the Corpuscular Philosophy, and how advantageous simple Medicines are.

This Root being of such general Use in all Stages of the Evil, it will be proper to give a plain Description of the Herb Vervain, the Place and Manner of its Growth, that it may be easier found and known by the common People. The Common Vervain grows with a fibrous or stringy Root, of a light brown Colour, very hard, of a bitterish Taste ; sends up Stalks, many half a Yard high, squarish, solid, somewhat rough, of a purplish green, and branched ; the Leaves stand upon the Stalks in Couples over against each others, hairy on both Sides, wrinkled, and jagged with deep Cuts, and wide towards the Stalk End, something like Oak Leaves, when

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half grown, of a deeper green above than beneath. The Flowers are ranged in long Spikes, of a very pale purple, divided into five Parts at the Top, succeeded by four small longish Seeds joined together. The Flower is very small, the two uppermost Segments appearing like a Crest, and turned upwards. It grows very often in Highways, Court-yards, chalky, gravelly and stony uncultivated Places, and blows in July, August, September and October. Some call it the Holy Herb; in Latin, *Verbena*; in Welch, *Cas gangythyrel*. All the Herb is very bitter and astringent. It is much celebrated for almost numberless Virtues, by ancient Authors. By the Moderns hardly noticed: not being fashionable in the present Practice. This Plant, by a chymical Analysis yields several acid Liquors; Abundance of Oil; pretty much volatile concrete Salt and Earth: It is therefore probable it contains some Sal Ammoniac, united with a good deal of Sulphur. It is vulnerary, cleansing, and opening. The other Medicines and Applications, with their Preparations, such as common People may manage, will be found in the following Cases.

### C A S E I.

PHILIP WINTERFLOOD, late of *Halstead*, in *Esex*, a Journeyman Barber, aged 35, formerly lived at the Sign of the *Peruke*, opposite the *White Horse*, at *Mile-End*, near *London*, who was a fat Man, was for eight Years miserably afflicted with several strumous Ulcers under both Breasts; some were above an Inch deep, discharged much foul corrupted Matter,

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had done so for Years, could get no Help, and had the Evil hereditary in his Family many Years. This poor Man was in *Halstead Work-houſe*, where his Diet and Attendance were not of the best. The first Thing I did was to give him the Vervain Root to wear about his Neck, and ordered him ſome gentle Physic once a Week, to wit, Syrup of Roses one Ounce, Mana-na one Ounce, diſſolved in a Pint of ſkimmed Milk, for one Dofe: ſometimes he got it, ſometimes he did not. I gave him a Phial of Liquor to wash his Sores, Night and Morning, of Vi-negar one-third, Red Port Wine one-third, and Vervain Water, diſtilled, one-third: Some Ointment to ſpread on a Rag, and lay on the Sores after washing them. The Ointment was made with green Vervain Leaves, with about a fourth Part of Houſe-leek Leaves, both bruised and boiled in Pork Lard, till it was of a good Conſiſtence, and all the watery Part wasted, then strained and kept for Uſe. It may be made stronger by boiling the ſame Quantity of Herbs in the ſame Liquor as before. Note; instead of diſtilled Vervain Water, which poor People can-not ſo eaſily procure, the Infuſion of the Vervain Leaves may be uſed; that is, hot boiling Water poure upon the Herb, like Tea, and covered; when cold, may be uſed in its stead. This Method cured this Man in ſix Months, nothing else was uſed, and he continues well for aught I know to this Day.

## C A S E II.

*Robert Heatherley, Son of the Reverend Mr. Heatherley, late Minister of Clavering, in Essex, formerly*

formerly Master of the School in *Christ-Hospital*, *London*, aged Twenty-three, was an Out-patient of *St. Bartholomew's-Hospital* for the King's Evil, had the second joint of his Thumb so affected that the Bone came out, and many other Sores healed up and seemed cured : Not long after, the Disorder fell into both his Eyes, with some small unbroken Tumours in the Neck and under both Ears, and had been blind some Months. He came to me with his Eyes con-  
verted, has been well some Years, and is now in the Excise. I gave this Man a Root ; or-  
dered him a gentle Purge of half Manna and half Syrup of Roses, in thin Milk, once a Week  
for three Months ; to leave off all covering to his Eyes, and wash them often with cold Spring Water, dropping some into his Eyes ; this re-  
stored him perfectly to his Sight.

### C A S E III.

*Ann Nunn*, Daughter of *John Nunn*, farmer,  
near *Laindon-Hills*, in *Essex*, aged Twenty-one,  
had large scrophulous Tumour opened on the right under Jaw-bone by *Mr. Earl*, of *Hornden* ; it discharged mostly a thin watery Matter ; but as he could not heal the Wound, she came to me, I gave her a Root, ordered some gentle Purges, but no Salts, for I always find them bad in Scrophulous Cases, and gave her some Vervain Ointment for the Wound, which soon healed it up.

### C A S E IV.

*Elizabeth Reynolds*, Wife of *Joseph Reynolds*,  
of *Easlead*, Farmer, aged twenty-five, came to  
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me with her Lips much twelled ; it had been coming three Years ; the inside of the Nose and upper Lip, broke out and very scabby, and a large uneven scrophulous Tumour had been increasing three quarters of a Year, under the right Ear, and several small Swellings on the left Side of the Neck, I dispersed all the Swellings, and cured her other Complaints in six Months ; since which she had no Returns. First, I gave her a Root, and purged her with gentle Physic. I also gave her some Vervain Ointment for the Lip and Nose, and ordered her to take some green Hemlock Leaves, bruise and apply them warm once a Day to the large Tumour : In six Weeks the Tumour was greatly diminished ; but as the Hemlock worn constantly, somewhat affected the Head and Eyes, I ordered it to be applied only at Night, and to lay on till the Morning, which in two or three Months reduced the Swelling entirely, all the small Tumours vanished, and were quite cured. Note, if the Hemlock affect the Head, as it sometimes will do, if applied near the Head and Neck ; some gentle Physic must be often used, or the Quantity of Hemlock lessened. If neither will do, leave it quite off.

#### C A S E V.

*William Ardley, Weaver, of Coggeshall, in Essex,* aged forty, had been much troubled with the Tooth and Ear-ach, afterwards a Sore broke withinside the left Cheek, and discharged near a Pint of stinking Matter at several Times, then a large Tumour arose on the left Jaw-bone, and broke into three Ulcers outwardly and,

and discharged much Matter. The Sore within the Cheek healed up, when it was with Difficulty he could open his Mouth. I gave him a Root, and ordered him once a Week a Purge of Jalap, five or six Grains, more or less, as it operated ; two Motions a Day sufficient : apply to the Sores withoutside the Cheek a Poultice of white Bread, Milk, white Lily Roots, and Groundsel, all mashed together, and laid on warm, Morning and Night ; this sufficiently digested the Sore, then I healed it up with the following Black Plaster. Take White Lead finely powdered, two Ounces, Olive Oil, four Ounces, mix these in a large earthen Pipkin ; boil over a slow Fire, stir all the while with a Piece of Lead, till it grows of a deep brown or blackish Colour. This will take an Hour or more. Let the Pipkin be not above a Quarter full ; lest it boil over, which it is very apt to do. Let it cool in a Galley-pot, and keep it for Use. When you want it, warm the Point of a Knife, and spread it pretty thick on black Silk or Linen Rag, apply it warm, and it will stick, if not too much boiled. Do not pull off the Plasters, lest you hurt the Sore ; when it falls off of itself, apply a fresh one as long as wanted.

#### C A S E VI.

*Deborah Alston, Wife of Thomas Alston, of Heney, in Essex, aged twenty-four, came to me with a running Ulcer about the middle of the outside of her left Thigh, which had been healing and running for ten Years ; a small Ulcer near the left Breast, and small Kernel, sometimes*

sometimes about the Neck and Throat, which shewed the Complaint to be scrophulous; she had been twice salivated, and much done to little Purpose. I gave her a Root, ordered Rose Leaves boiled in Whey for a gentle Purge once a Week, to wash the Ulcers twice a Day with a strong Infusion of Hemlock Leaves, and to apply a Rag spread with Elder Ointment over them. About two Months after, she felt a Piece of Bone very loose: I ordered her then to apply much Lint, wetted with the Infusion Morning and Night, and the Elder Ointment as before. Three Weeks after, the Point of a Bone sticking out, she herself, with the Point of a Penknife, enlarged the Wound, took out a Piece of Bone, and examining the Wound with her Finger, took out two more Pieces, followed by much Blood: a Week after she brought the three Pieces to me; the Wound looked clean, healed up in a Month's Time; she has no Lameness, walks well, enjoys good Health, and feels no more Prickings, or Signs of any more Pieces of Bone. Two of the Exfoliations are each two Inches and an half long, and one Inch broad, the other two Inches long, and three quarters of an Inch broad; weighing altogether a quarter of an Ounce. Some Parts looked black and some white, and as if worm-eaten. The whole, when laid together, measured seven Inches. Note, Elder Ointment is made in the Spring, by boiling the young Leaves in Mutton Suet till the moisture is wasted, or in Pork Lard. To make it strong, add the same Quantity of Leaves as before, after straining

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ing the first Leaves from the Liquor, and repeat this three Times. In Winter, when no Leaves, take the tender Bark of the last Summer's Shoot, scrape and boil them as above, and keep for Use.

### C A S E VII.

*Robert Russ*, aged twenty-three, Son of Mr. *James Russ*, Quarter-Master of Sir *Robert Rich's* Dragoons, was quartered at *Chelmsford*, in *Essex*: He was bit by a Monkey on the left Side of his Neck: it was sore; he had many scrophulous Swellings appeared under his Chin and round about his Neck, hard, and oftentimes very painful, and many small Pustles breaking out like a salt Humour in many Parts. I gave him the Vervain Root to wear about his Neck, and ordered him a gentle Purge of Jalap, in thin Milk, once a Week; the other six Days to take a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, or levigated, mixed with the same Quantity of Loaf Sugar, beat fine, to wash it down with a quarter of Pint of Ground-ivy Tea, to continue this Course six Months, and to use Vervain Ointment to the Sores. An Acquaintance of his, whom he recommended to my Care, assures me he told him he had the Happiness of being perfectly cured, by God's Assistance, and declares, no other Remedies he had ever used, had any Effect, but mine.—This was several Years after the Cure.

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## C A S E VIII.

*John Butcher*, of *Bocking*, in *Essex*, Bay-weaver, aged thirty. He first felt a dashing Pain strike suddenly into the lower Joint of the fore Finger of his right Hand; and in about a Month, all the other Fingers and Thumb were affected in the same Manner; and so contracted that he could not stir them even with the other Hand, without great Pain. No discoloration, or any perceptible Tumour, Swelling, or preternatural Heat, to the Touch of himself or others. This Man I restored to the full Use of his Hand, Fingers, and Thumb, by the following Method: I gave him a Root; ordered a Purge of Rose Leaves, boiled in Whey, once a Week; directed him to boil Cabbage Leaves bruised in Water; bathe his Hand in the warm Liquor, Morning and Night, for half an Hour at a Time, and to rub all the Joints, after bathing, with the Vervain Ointment. This Man had several Relations troubled with the Evil: I therefore treated him as a scrophulated Patient, and cured him in two Months. He was discharged from the *Essex Militia*, as unfit, but after the Cure admitted again.

## C A S E IX.

*Robert London*, Son of *Robert London*, of *Bradfield Combust*, in *Suffolk*, aged thirty-two, had a Fever which held about a Week. Three Months after, thirteen Tumours rose about the Legs, Thighs, and Buttocks, had been all opened by a Surgeon, and discharged so violently,

that he was reduced to a mere skeleton. He was brought to me in a Cart, with a Bed in it, being unable to move Hand or Foot, or to be moved without great trouble. I went to the Cart, he looked like a dead Corpse; his Stomach was gone, and his Visage very ghastly. This Man's Sores were all tented, which I ordered to be pulled out, all the dressings to be laid aside; all the Sores to be gently syringed twice a Day, with a strong decoction of Hemlock, milk-warm, dry Lint to be applied, and lest it should stick, Elder Ointment spread on a Rag over all. I moreover ordered him daily half a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, with an equal Quantity of Loaf-Sugar, and to wash it down with Ground-ivy Tea. I also put a Root about his Neck. In three Weeks Time his Stomach returned; his Sores began to heal; and in two Months the Surgeon wrote he was quite well. This, by many is called the Running Evil.

#### C A S E X.

*Susan Otley, of Bocking, in Essex, single-Woman, aged twenty-six, came to me with almost numberless Ulcers and fungous scabby Excrefences from the Top of the right Shoulder, down below the Nipple of the right Breast, all hollow like an Honey Comb. She had a deep Ulcer on the inside of the Arm, near the right Arm-pit, one near her Shoulder, one withinide the Arm about three Inches above the Elbow, and one almost under the right Buttock, bad Stomach, bad Health and Complexion, had this Disease hereditary;*

hereditary ; had one Sister died of it ; another had it in her Eyes, of which I cured her. This Person came and lived near me, so that I saw her once in eight or ten Days, and I effected the Cure in the following Manner : I first gave her a Root, and applied a Plaster of Spermaceti and Sallad Oil, to the Scabs on the Shoulder, Neck and Breast, which made them fall off ; afterwards I applied the Black Plaster, as in Case V. which being changed and renewed as Occasion required, at length healed up all the Sores. All the Time of her Cure, I gave her daily a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, mixed with half a Dram of Loaf Sugar, and to drink a Cup full of Ground-ivy Tea after it. If it gave more than two Stools in twenty-four Hours, I lessened the Dose, and sometimes increased it, as I found her Body in Order, I continued this Course many Months : all her Sores are now well, she has a good Stomach, a healthy florid Countenance, and so likely to continue. I advised to purge gently every Spring and Fall, with Jalap three or four Times, since married and had one Child.

### C A S E XI.

*Mary Bingbam, Wife of Adam Bingbam, Husbandman, of Creffing, lately living at Patiswick, in Essex, aged twenty-eight, was led to me, having been totally blind for twelve Months. Both Eyes looked as almost covered over with Cobwebs, of a dead leaden Colour, run much scalding Water, mixed with a white thick Matter from the Corners of her Eyes,*

and almost continually dashing Pains about her Forehead, with many scrophulous Breakings-out, about the Corners of her Mouth, and several other Places: I gave her a Root of Verbain to wear about her Neck, ordered her to purge once a Week, with dried damask Rose-Leaves, boiled in Whey; gave her a Phial of distilled Verbain Water; to drop five or six Drops cold into each Eye, four or five Times a Day, and to wash them every Morning with the coldest Spring Water. Note, The Verbain Water must be distilled in a cold Still, like Rose Water. This Method, in a few Months, restored her Sight, So that she could now see to spin, and do any common Work. Three Years after she shewed me her right Breast, very hard and full of Pain; this I judged to proceed from the old Complaint, for Want of proper Care, I ordered her to poultice it with half White Nettle Leaves, and half Elder Leaves, warm, Morning and Night; which restored the Breast to be as well as the other. This Case shews this Disorder is subject to return, without due Care and Caution.

## C A S E XII.

*Eleanor Bulmore, kept the Golden Lion, in Newmarket, Suffolk, aged fifty-five, had a violent Rash came out all over her, then fell into the left Leg, and produced a large, foul, deep, stinking Ulcer, almost all round the Small of her Leg, five or six Inches long; the Muscles that served to bend the great Toe and Foot upwards, bare and dry as a Horn, an Inch or more in length, and*

and grown about with much proud Flesh. This Woman had not been able to stir off her Couch, for a Year and a half, without great Difficulty, and two Stilts under her Arms. A great Physician told her, if she went to an Hospital, the Ulcer might be healed in two Months, but in all Probability it would kill her. Living at *Newmarket*, several Physicians saw her after I took her in Hand. The Muscle of the Leg is rotted out, so that she cannot bend her Foot upwards, and must always go limping. She goes about her House without Crutches, but now and then uses an under-hand Staff, especially up Steps. The Ulcer is now very clean, and not above the Bigness of Half a Crown ; the Woman is in good Health and Spirits, and able to manage her House herself, having, since I first saw her, lost her Husband. I gave her a Root, judging the Case scrophulous, and ordered the Ulcer to be cleansed twice a Day from its Filth with a Decoction of Hemlock, and then to apply the Herb bruised with Pork Lard and fine Oatmeal, warm, as a Poultice, fresh twice a Day, as long as wanted, and at the same Time to use the following Diet Drink, to wit, take Senna, four Ounces ; of sharp pointed Dock Root, half a Pound ; great Water-dock Root, half a Pound ; Polypody Roots, half a Pound ; all sliced very thin ; crude Antimony grossly powdered, one Pound, and tied up in a Rag : boil all in three Gallons of Sweet-wort, till one Gallon is wasted ; strain it when cool enough ; work it with a spoonful of Yeast ; and White Nettles, Green Broom, and Ground-ivy, of each

each bruised a Handful; let all work together; when done, strain and bottle it up close for Use. Of this Liquor she drank a Coffee-cup full Morning and Night, and was to increase or lessen the Dose as it operated; two Motions in twenty-four Hours are sufficient, she found great Benefit by it. She was also to anoint her Leg round the Ulcer with Elder Ointment. As the Ulcer is now brought to a good Condition and small Compafs, I think it much better for her Health, at her Time of Life, that it continue open, rather than heal it quite up. Note, It is best in Summer Time to make but half the Quantity of Diet-drink at once, lest it turn sour and vomitive; it must then be thrown away and fresh made. I cured her Son of the Evil in his Eyes at the same Time; and in the Manner as related in Case II.

### C A S E XIII.

*John Nichols, Son of Zachariah Nichols, Miller, of Little Ashen, near Dunmow in Essex,* aged seven, had a scrophulous Swelling on the great Toe of the left Foot; several small running Ulcers on the same, which discharged a thin, corrosive, watery Humour, for half a Year, and the Evil a little in the left Eye. I gave this Child a small Root; ordered Syrup of Roses and Manna, equal Parts, in thin Milk once a Week, for a gentle Purge; to wash his Eyes with the coldest Spring Water, every Day, and a Cataplasm of a Garden Snail out of a Shell, beat to a Mash, with the same Quantity of Garden Parsley, applied to the Toe, fresh twice in

in twenty-four Hours ; this perfectly cured the Disorder in three Months.

### C A S E XIV.

*Matthew Byford, Son of Abel Byford, of Little Stamford, in Essex, aged eighteen, had a large Tumour arose on the upper Part of his left Thigh, which had became an Ulcer, and run much thick matter. An Inch above the Ulcer was a red inflammatory Swelling, which seemed to communicate with the Ulcer. I gave him a Root, and ordered to purge once a Week, with equal Parts of Manna and Syrup of Roses, dissolved in Cheese Whey, for two Months, and to inject a Decoction of Hemlock into the running Ulcer : then to apply a Poultice of Half white Nettle Leaves, by some called Archangels, and half Elder Leaves, beat into a Mash, with a little Pork Lard and fine Oatmeal, fresh and warm twice a Day, over both Ulcer and Tumour. In three Months a perfect Cure was made.*

### C A S E XV.

*Elizabeth Golden, Wife of John Golden, of Water Beauchamp, in Essex, Husbandman, had a most violent hot salt Humour in her left Leg, which broke almost into numberless Water-Bladders ; itched much, was greatly inflamed, and the Flesh hardened ; the inside of her Thigh on the same Side began to be affected in the like Manner. I advised her to drink half a Pint of Tea, made with the common red Dock Roots, Sliced thin, Morning and Night, or boiled*

boiled in Cheese Whey ; then to wash her Leg and Thigh all over with an Infusion of green Hemlock Leaves, and to anoint the same with Elder Ointment ; in three Months she came to me almost well, but complained of a Coldness at her Stomach, for which I ordered a gentle Purge of Jalap, with a little grated Ginger once a Week. About two Months after she came to thank me, being quite free of her Complaints. *Note*, No Root prescribed, as I thought it more scorbutic than scrophulous.

### C A S E XVI.

*Edward Howlet, of Burnham, in Essex, Husbandman, aged thirty, had a Tumour that appeared and disappeared at Times near the right Jugular, for a Year ; afterwards it swelled as large as a Halfpenny Loaf, then was poulticed by a Surgeon's Direction, but it did neither suppurate or disperse, but was opened : some Part cut away, and discharged a little thick bloody Matter. It had been cut eleven Times, as fast as the Fungous kept growing, and discharged much of the same Sort of Matter. When he came to me, the Fungous was large and flat, with thick Edges like a Cake laid on the Part, the Edges were ulcerated, it was three Inches in Diameter, and one Inch thick, the Man well in every other respect : As I apprehended this to be a scrophulous Case, I gave him a Root to wear at his Stomach, ordered to purge gently twice a Week with Damask Rose Leaves boiled in Cheese Whey, to apply Slips of black Plaister, as in Case V. to the Ulcers round the Edge of*

of the Fungous, and all over the Hemlock Leaves bruised and very hot, twice a Day. He was in a Month much mended; in three Months the Fungous was almost wasted; and some Months after he came to shew me he was quite well, not the least Remains of the Fungous or any Ulcer, but the Neck smooth and even, and no Complaint whatever.

### C A S E XVII.

*Elizabeth Hart, Daughter of Thomas Hart, of Earls Colne, Essex, Husbandman, aged twenty, had a Swelling on the Wind-pipe, which comprest it so much, as to cause a great Difficulty in Swallowing, her Throat very sore, within-side, had been encreasing two Years, her Lips often cracked and bled. I gave her a Root, directed to purge gently often, with Syrup of Roses and Manna in Cheese Whey, or thin Milk, and to apply a Poultice of a Garden Snail and Parsley bruised, fresh Morning and Evening; this produced many small Pimples, which discharged some little watery Matter, then disappeared, and others in like Manner succeeded, until all the Humour was discharged, and the Swelling quite gone. I moreover ordered her to braise eight or ten Millepedes or Sow-bugs, make them into a Pill with fresh Butter, and going to Rest to let it lay at the Root of her Tongue, so as to melt gradually, till the Sorenes within-side the Throat was no more. These Methods in three Months removed all her Complaints.*

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## C A S E X V I I I .

*Joseph Traylin, of Toppsfield, in Essex,* Cooper, aged forty, had several Tumours and Ulcers on the Back of his right Hand, which rendered it useless, and some small Swellings about his Groin and Armpits: has the Evil strong in the Family; found no Help from the Surgeon, so came to me; I gave him a Root, and ordered to purge weekly, for six Weeks, with Damask Rose Leaves boiled in Whey, sweetened with Manna, and to apply a Poultice of white Nettle Leaves beat to a Mash with a little Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal, fresh and warm twice a Day to the Back of the Hand; in a Week he found great Benefit, and in a Fortnight more, the Swellings on the Hand were all down and well; he came about two Months after, his Hand quite firm and well, and all his other Complaints gone.

## C A S E X I X .

*Mary Tyler, Wife of William Tyler, of Halstead, Husbandman, aged thirty-six,* had the Evil breaking out all over her at Times, for many Years. When she came to me, had both Lips monstrously swelled, and her Mouth so very sore, that it was painful for her to get her Victuals into it, her Nose swelled, and all the lower Part of her Face and Chin almost one entire Scab, with many scrophulous Breakings out of the same Kind on both Legs and Arms, which were all very much inflamed. I gave her a Root, and ordered gentle Jalap Purges twice a Week; and for constant Drink, a Handful of Ground-ivy Leaves, and about an Ounce

Ounce of common red Dock Roots, sliced thin, and boiled in two Quarts of Water, covered, till a Pint is boiled away, strained, and kept for Drink the next Day ; and so constantly, except she purged ; the Mouth to be washed twice a Day with an Infusion of green Hemlock Leaves, and all the Scabs on the Face, Legs, and Arms, or other Places likewise ; but to be careful she swallowed none, or touched her Eyes ; then to anoint with the Elder Ointment. As she lived near me, I saw her frequently, and sometimes found it proper to add half Hemlock Ointment to the other, that is made by boiling the green Leaves of Hemlock, bruised, in Hog's Lard, and strained ; if it wants to be stronger, boil the same Quantity of Hemlock Leaves in the same Liquor, two or three Times. She is now well, and her Face clean and smooth, and no scrophulous Symptoms. Note, All Ointments should be boiled in earthen Pots ; for Metal is corrosive.

### C A S E XX.

The next Case I shall give as drawn up by the Patient himself.

I, John Hickman, Gardener to the Right Honourable Lady Bateman, at Yeldham, in Essex, aged fifty Years ; six Months since, having a violent rheumatic Pain struck into my right Arm and Hand, with great Weakness, my Hand grew very thick, and my Fingers stood out stiff and immoveable, and quite useless, that I could not lift my Hand to my Head, nor take up an Ounce Weight off the Table with it ; the Flesh

Flesh pitted much, without Heat or Discolouration. I had a small Ulcer on the Wrist, near my Hand. I was advised, and had a Letter of Recommendation to the most eminent Surgeons in London, to whom I applied without any Success. After I came home, I was advised to apply to Mr. Morley, and three Weeks after I had been with him, I could stir my Fingers, and in ten Weeks Time the Swelling of my Hand was wholly gone, the Ulcer is entirely healed, and now by the Blessing of God, I can use my Hand, and do my work as usual, and was never in a better State of Health in my Life; as Witness my Hand,

February, 1766. JOHN HICKMAN.

This Person was cured by the following Method. I gave him a large Vervain root to wear at his Stomach, and directed him to purge once a Week with ten Grains of Jalap, and as much Cream of Tartar, and lessen the Quantity if more than three or four Motions. I directed him to boil half a Pound of Salt Petre in a Quart of Sping Water to a Pint, and to apply Cloths three or four Times double, wetted in the Liquor pretty warm, three Times in twenty-four Hours, a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. To wrap up the Hand in warm Flannel, and also to have a Flannel Sleeve tight on the Arm; gave him some Vervian Ointment to the Ulcer, and afterwards a Piece of black Plaister, which made it sound and well.

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## C A S E XXI.

A young Gentleman, in *London*, aged twenty-six, falling down on both Knees, caused a white lymphatic Swelling on his right Knee, notwithstanding the following Means had been used, as he himself told me, without Effect. First, the Knee was treated as a common Bruise, and rubbed with Oils; afterwards poulticed with white Bread and Milk, and Lees of Beer, near a Month; then fomented with an Infusion of Camomile; next a blister, run but little; then Leeches applied twice, six at a Time; was at *Bath*, afterwards at *Southampton*, went through the usual Methods at both Places; after all, nothing touched the Swelling. He had also a small scrophulous Tumour, red and inflamed, on the Point of the Breast Bone. I gave this Gentleman a Vervain Root, ordered some gentle Physic once a Week, and to foment the Knee with a Decoction of green Hemlock Leaves, Morning and Night, for Half an Hour at a Time, warm, and afterwards to apply the Herb bruised, all over the Knee, and to lace it on with a Knee Piece. Some Months after, he wrote to me as follows: 'I am sure all the Pleasure I enjoy is totally to be attributed to your Kindness, for had I not been so happy as to have been under your Direction, most likely I should not have gained the Use of my Limbs so soon.' In another Letter he says, 'I am surprisingly recovered in regard to my Knee.'

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## C A S E XXII.

A little Girl, in *London*, four Years old, had a scrophulous Ulcer on each Arm: both had been dried up, by the Use of the Bark, by Order of one of the principal Physicians in *London*. Soon after broke out a deep Ulcer on the Calf of each Leg; these were cured by some gentle Physic, and a Vervain Root at her Stomach. Some Time after, neglecting to wear the Root as directed, the Humour fell into both her Eyes, which was soon removed by a fresh Vervain Root. I have had very frequent Instances of People leaving off, or losing their Roots, thinking them very insignificant, the Disease has returned; but by Application of fresh Roots, their Complaints have again disappeared: In some People this has been the Case three or four Times. These are certainly convincing Proofs of the great Efficacy of the Vervain Root, in scrophulous Complaints.

## C A S E XXIII.

A Lady in *Norfolk*, about twenty-five, had a large scrophulous Tumour near the left Ankle, and prickling dashing Pains in her Joints. When I first saw her, she bathed daily in salt Water; which had so swelled and inflamed her Leg, she could hardly stand. I begged her to leave off bathing, which she did; in forty-eight Hours she found Ease; and in some Months after, I had a Letter from her, that her Complaints were by my Directions entirely removed. I cured this Lady by anointing the Tumour with the following Ointment, Pomatum one Ounce, Flower

Flower of Brimstone one Dram, Salt Prunella half an Ounce ; this soon cooled the Inflammation. I gave her a Root, and ordered gentle Physic. This Case shews the bad Effects of Salt Water bathing, in scrophulous Disorders.

### C A S E XXIV.

A young Lady, in *Norfolk*, aged twelve, had a smooth flattish Tumour about the Bigness of Half a Crown, gathering above the Nipple of the left Breast : She had been under the Care of a judicious Physician, without any apparent Advantage. I gave her a Vervain Root, and ordered a Pint of Milk to be boiled and sweetened with a Table Spoonful of clarified Honey, and taken in four Parts ; in the Morning fasting, at Eleven, at Four, and one at Bed Time ; taking thirty or forty Millepedes with the first and last Draughts. This dissolved the Tumour, without any Return.

Names in this, and the three preceding Cases, as desired, are omitted.

This Essay, by its Bulk, would become too costly for common People, should I have Leave to give an Account of all those whose Cures testify the Success of my Method. However, as what will cure the Poor, whose Welfare I have much at Heart, will also the Rich, the Cases I give of the Poor may briefly serve for the Rich. Unhappy I am when applied to in the last Stage of the Evil, and Scrophulous Disorder, after repeated and unsuccessful Trials by others : yet even then I have saved both Life and Limbs. I shall mention two Cases more,

to shew the good Effects of Hemlock in scrophulous cases.

### C A S E   XXV.

*Peter Raven, of Earles Coln, Essex, Labourer,* aged forty, was in the Workhouse, when he applied to me, and gave me the following Account ; : Eight Years since several dashing Pains struck into his right Breast, which in an Hour's Time swelled as big as his Fist, without any Strain or Hurt that he remembers ; it was poulticed for nine Weeks without any Effect. The Sinews of the right Arm contracted, the Swelling on the Breast kept increasing for seven Years, and was bigger than his Head ; at length broke of itself, and discharged a Quart or two of white thick Matter ; and Numbers of other Ulcers appeared all over the Breast, which kept running near a Year. When he came to me he was seemingly in a deep Consumption, with a very bad Cough, emaciated to a great Degree ; to all Appearance in a dying Way, and smelt most filthily : I think never was a more deplorable Object. I ordered him to take a Dram of green Hemlock Leaves fresh every Day, bruise and boil in a Pint and a Half of Cheese Whey, strain, take one Half fasting, the other at Night going to Rest, washing all the Sores first with a strong Infusion of Hemlock, and then to apply Elder Ointment on a Cloth all over his Breast ; he came in a Fortnight's Time, his Cough gone, Stomach good, Colour returning, and slept well ; a Month after I added half Hemlock Ointment

Ointment to the Elder Ointment, and in some Months completed the Cure. He is now out of the Workhouse, and maintains himself by his Labour; is married, and has a Child since his Cure; no other Method was used. Note, he had no Vervain Root. This Cure must be attributed to the Hemlock only.

### C A S E XXVI.

*John Newton, of Halstead, Essex, Weaver,* aged thirty-eight, a little before he came to me, had a Humour broke out on the lower Part of the Shin of his left Leg, with many small Pimples with white Heads, afterwards ran clear Water, and broke out into a large deep Ulcer, so that the Bone was visible, with much fungous Flesh at the Bottom, the Leg and Foot swelled, pitted much, so very lame he could not come to my House, a Mile only, except on Horseback. I ordered him gentle Jalap Purgatives, thrice a Week at first, then twice, then once, as he mended; and directed him to take a large Handful of green Hemlock Leaves bruised, put into an empty Firkin, and pour a Gallon or two of Water from a Smith's Forge, scalding hot on them; then to put his Foot and Leg into it, as deep as the Vessel would admit, not when scalding; and to keep it in the Liquor Morning and Night a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. Then to take a Fresh gathered Carrot, wash and rasp it; squeeze the Juice hard out with the Fingers, warm the Raspings and fill the Ulcer with it, quite down to the Bottom, and a little above the Surface of the Ulcer and

Leg, with a dry Cloth over it, bind all on with a Rowler ; and repeat this Dressing and no other after soaking. This perfectly cured his Leg in ten Weeks, and filled the Ulcer with sound and good Flesh, and quite smooth. Note, No Vervain Root was used here.

### C A S E XXVII.

*Aaron Whiskey, of Polstead, Suffolk, Shoemaker, aged thirty-four, applied to me in June, 1769.* After a Fever, a Sore gathered near the Point of his Back Bone. By poulticing it broke and discharged for a considerable Time, a thin gleety Matter, from a very small Orifice. A large Swelling came on the left Thigh, was very hard, and gave great Pain. As it was thought he had been troubled with the St. Anthony's Fire, it was conjectured it had settled there. He was greatly emaciated. I recommended a Vervain Root ; and to purge gently with Tincture of Jalap made in Geneva, once a Week, and to drink of the following Decoction the other Days. Of red sharp pointed Dock Root, sliced thin, one Ounce ; Sorrel Leaves, bruised, thirty or forty ; Pour on these a Pint of Cheese Whey boiling hot ; cover close : When cool, strain it, and drink it Milk-warm, at three different Times ; one-third fasting, another about Eleven o'Clock, and the Remainder about Five in the Afternoon. I ordered a large Handful of green Hemlock Leaves, bruised, to be applied on the Thigh ; and the Wound on the Back to have the Hemlock Infusion injected. Afterwards, equal Parts of Hemlock and Elder Ointment,

Ointment, made with Goose Fat, spread on Lint; to be laid over the Wound, and dressed Morning and Night. The 10th of *October* following he came again to me; his Thigh was greatly swelled, and there seemed to be a Head, as if tending to break. I advised applying a Plaister of Shoe-Maker's Wax to it. On the Eighth of the next Month, the Sore on the Thigh broke, and discharged, at one Time; five Quarts of thin watery Matter like Whey; and the Thigh subsided to its former Size. It continued discharging by little and little for a considerable Time, but less and less daily. The 3d of *July*, 1770, he came to my House, and told me many small Pieces of Bone came from the Sore on the Back Bone; but that it was then found and well, and his Thigh in a fair Way of Recovery. The 6th of *August*, 1771, he again came to thank me; and clapping his Hand upon his Thigh in great Spirits, cried out, 'as sound as a Roach!' He came to me in the Spring, 1774, and has been found hearty and well ever since.

### C A S E XXVIII.

A worthy Lady sent me the Case of a poor Woman, which I shall give nearly in her own Words. 'The poor Creature is now about fifty. Eight Years ago she lay in; at the End of the Month was seized with a violent Pain in her right Leg, just below the Calf. A small Pimple arose, which increased till it came to a real Sore. Many Things were tried to no Purpose for several Years. She was eight

‘ Months in an Hospital, and discharged as incurable. She now has two large Holes, about half an Inch deep ; the Bottom looks whitish with black Spots, and full of small Holes : the Sides are of a very dark Red, or rather Blackish. At Times they are extremely painful, and bleed frequently. The upper Part of her Leg is very black indeed, and extremely swelled. She has for some Time past applied nothing but a greasy Rag to her Wounds. She is miserably poor indeed ; having nothing for her livelihood but what she can get by picking up decayed Wood blown down on *Endfield Chase*. If she can be helped, it would be a great Blessing.’ So far the Lady’s Letter.

I referred her to follow what is laid down in *John Newton’s Case*, No. XXVI. in my Essay ; only adding that the poor Creature should steep her Leg in warm Infusion of Hemlock for half an Hour, and to keep it warm after steeping, lest she should take Cold : the more Rest she could take, the better. In less than four Months the Lady called on me, and informed me this poor Woman was quite recovered, and in a good State of Health.

### C A S E XXIX.

*Michael Nash*, a Shepherd, living with Mr. *Guilford*, at *Halton*, near *Wendover, Bucks*, aged Twenty-five, being recommended to me by the Honourable *Lady Rachael Austen*, of *North-Audley Street, London*, the 10th of *January, 1771*, came to my House for Advice. He had

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nine or ten Sores on his Legs and Thighs, and many scabby Eruptions on his Face and Neck. These began about six years before, and were by Degrees come to what they were. He had an Issue in his left Leg, which was greatly inflamed: His appetite was tolerably good. To this poor Man I gave a Vervain Root to wear on his Stomach, and ordered him Tincture of Jalap in Geneva; one Table Spoonful once a Week, in Cheese Whey or small Ale; to wash his Wounds with the Infusion of Hemlock warm, Morning and Night, and then to apply the Black Plaster, as in Case V. to his Sores. *Lady Austen*, in a Letter to her Friend, dated the 23d of August, 1771, wrote that the above-mentioned poor Man, whom she had recommended to me, was perfectly recovered, and adds, ‘I think it a Miracle; for he was almost eat up (if one may say so) with the Evil.’ This poor Shepherd sent me a Letter in the next Month, September, testifying his Gratitude and Thanks; and, according to his own Words, ‘that he was right well.’

I must here mention, that I have received Thanks for many, for Cures that have been effected without my Advice in Person; only the Petusal of my Essay, and a steady regular Observation of the Rules as related in the preceding Cases: Amongst many other Letters, I shall, as a Proof, add Copies of what were wrote to me by a Person whom I never saw giving it in his own Words: I shall number it:

## C A S E XXX.

SIR,

I HAVE taken this Opportunity of writing to you in Behalf of your Medicines for the Evil. Whereas I, *John Buck*, late of *Hingham*, in *Norfolk*, aged thirty Years, now living at *Wymondham*, in the same County, was for twelve Years past violently afflicted with the King's Evil in my right Knee, and so bad that I could not stir without the Help of Crutches, and having been with the most eminent Surgeons in the County of *Norfolk*, but all to little Purpose, for they always counted it a White Swelling, and were clearly for taking off the Limb, for they told me there was no Help for me. But Thanks be to God!—for with his Blessing, and with the Use of your Medicines, I am now right well, and can walk well, and can follow my Business and do my Work without any Pain or Sorrow, and am in as good State of Health as ever I was in my Life. Sir, if it be agreeable to you, I should like that it might be added into the Book, as it was accounted as surprizing a Cure as ever was performed. I only go a little limping, but it is as little as possible; as Witness my Hand,

*Dec. 24, 1769. John Buck, Worsted Weaver.*

Some Time after receiving this Letter, I wrote to *John Buck* to know which of the Medicines he had used; in what Manner, and in what Time the Cure was effected; the Surgeons who had seen the Complaint, said it was incurable;

incurable; and were for taking off the Limb: As I have never seen or heard of *John Buck* before the Receipt of this Letter, I desired a Gentleman, near *Wymondbam*, to enquire of the Truth of the Facts. He saw the Man, who gave him full Satisfaction as to his Case and Cure, agreeing with the following Letter from *Buck* in Answer to my Enquiries.

Sir, my Duty to you, I, *John Buck*, Worsted Weaver, of *Wymondbam*, in *Norfolk*, aged thirty Years, was for twelve Years afflicted with the Evil in my right Knee, which for the first four Years, would swell to a large Substance, and disperse again of its own self; then having a violent Fever of nine Weeks, which so contracted the Joint and wasted my Leg and Thigh, that I was unable to walk without great Pain. I was advised to apply to Surgeon *Swift*, of *Norfolk*, and accordingly did, who told me it was a White Swelling, and it was incurable, and that the less I did to it the better. About one Year after I was advised to go to Dr. *Heald* of *Norwich*, who told me the same as Dr. *Swift*. Two Years after comes a travelling Doctor to *Norwich*, who went by the Name of Dr. *Vernice*. He having such Praise, I was recommended to him. He told me it was a White Swelling, and in two Months he could make a perfect Cure of me. I put myself under his Directions, but all to little Purpose. About a Year after I was seized with such a violent Pain on the inside of my Knee, that it caused my Leg, Thigh, and Foot to swell in such a Manner

nor, that I was unable to move, or to be moved without great Pain, and without the Help of Crutches, and could take no Rest Night nor Day, which reduced me to a mere Skeleton. It continued this Course for a Year and an Half; then broke into a running Ulcer on the Inside of my Knee. Then I applied to Dr. *Castleton*; of *Hingham*, whose Care I was under three Weeks. Then he declared he could do no more for me, for the Bones were entirely decayed, and my Limb must be taken off; or it would cost me my Life. But, by the Blessing of God, I was in a short Time restored again to my former Strength, by the Help of Mr. *Morley's* Book, to whom I return my hearty Thanks for the same. I walk well, and never was in a better State of Health in my Life. Given from under my Hand this 3d Day of June, 1770.

JOHN BUCK:

The Cure was effected in the following Manner:—First I put the Vervain Root about my Neck. For a gentle Purge, I took ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tattar; once a Week: and the other six Days, a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, mixed with the same Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and washed it down with a Cup of Ground-Ivy Tea. For the Sore, I made a strong Infusion of green Hemlock to wash it with twice a Day; then bathed my Knee all over with Vervain Ointment: then I applied dry Lint, and lest it should stick, a Plaster of Elder Ointment over it. In two Months I found great Benefit; and in eight Months the Sore was healed. I have had no Return, now three Years ago.

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I should be sorry the Testimony of the Gentleman who enquired at *Wymondham*, added to the Man's own Letters, were not sufficient to authenticate the Case, and the Method of Cure. Be that as it may, I must here remark, that hasty Amputations are too often practiced to the irreparable Loss of the Patient, his Family, and the Community; especially if a poor Person. The Rich have the Means to advise with those who professedly undertake to cure their disorders. I do not wish to take from any Man his Emoluments; but I repeat, that I am particularly anxious for the Poor. Should the Knife or the constant Use of Caustics, make Cripples, I pretend not to set them to rights.

### C A S E XXXI.

The Right Honourable the *Countess of Marchmont*, out of her great Regard to the Welfare of the Poor, has been pleased to inform me of a very great Cure done in *Scotland*, from the Receipts only in my Essay on Scrophulous Disorders. A middle aged man, by Name *James Smart*, had in *August* last a Sore on his Cheek, which run greatly, and his Face was dreadfully swelled, the Sore was quite through the Cheek, had been long ill of that Complaint. He had a Vervain Root to wear at his Stomach, was ordered to take the Diet Drink prescribed in *Mrs. Bullmer's Case*, Page 23, and the gentle Physic of Syrup of Roles and Manna, in Page 14, and to dress the Sore with Vervain Ointment, as in *Winterflood's Case*. In about a Month, he was much much better, several Bones came

came out, and the Swellings were much fallen, he continued these Methods till March following, then the Sore was quite healed, and himself in perfect Health. Her Ladyship in her Letter of Dec. 4, 1744, says, "James Smart " came to Marchmont-House in good Health, " and continued perfectly well, with hardly " the Remains of a Scar." The Cure was done only by the Perusal of my Essay, as in John Buck's Case.

I have had Cases and Recommendations from almost an hundred Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries; some for their own Children, when their own Endeavours have proved abortive; some, to get rid of the Importunities of poor Patients, who could pay nothing; some to see my Methods; and some they send to me to secure their own Credit, lest they should miscarry under their Hands.

### C A S E XXXII.

Miss Frances Kingdon, Daughter of Mr. Edward Kingdon, Stay-Maker, in Dukes-Court, Covent-Garden, London, was recommended to me by Lady Gray, of Charles-Street, Grosvenor-Square, had, about nine Years before she came to me, a Tumour broke by a Poultice on the left Knee, and kept discharging three Years before it healed. Then a Tumour on the right Elbow broke and discharged some small Pieces of Bones, from thence the Humour was translated to the left Shin Bone, went on Crutches, then to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where a large Piece of the main Bone was digested out,

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but could not be healed up. Then, by a Pinch on the left Elbow, that was greatly enlarged and opened, but could make nothing of it, so she left the Hospital, with an Addition of a small Tumour under the left Ear, the Shin Bone of the left Leg enlarging, and a universal scrophulous Constitution. They said the Leg must be taken off, for it could not be cured, she was thirteen Years of Age, was near me with her Mother two Months, then went home with full Directions to continue my Methods, which she did several Years with great Perseverance, had many more Sores broke, and foul Bones exfoliated, and has at length been well some Years. As I have her consent to publish this Cure, I would recommend any Person doubtful of it, to herself, and Father and Mother, for full Satisfaction from themselves.—I gave Miss a large Vervain Root to wear as directed in my Essay on the Evil, and advised Mrs. *Bulmer's* Diet Drink as therein, to wash the Sores clean with an Infusion of green Hemlock Leaves, then to apply a Cataplasim of white Nettles, mashed, with Pork Lard, fresh and warm twice a Day, to the Elbow: and to the healing Sores, dry Lint, and Vervain Ointment on a Cloth over all, and to apply Tincture of Myrrh on a Sponge, where any Suspicion of Foul Bones, and the Black Plaister afterwards occasionally. Thus she was cured.

In the Preface I have hinted, that I never mentioned Names if so desired; and I must here add on this Head, I am so scrupulously delicate not even to ask after a Person of their Neighbour,

Neighbour, lest it might raise a Suspicion of my having been consulted : So that the Knowledge of the Success of my Methods must be much lessened. I will not call it a Disadvantage ; because it would seem as if I sought after great Fame ; but this I will say, that seeing Patients hardly more than once or twice, because of their Distance from me, makes me not on a level with the medical and surgical Gentlemen, who frequently see their Patients, so as to alter any Method of Cure, if necessary, which I cannot do for the above Reason.

I do not pretend to cure every one who may apply to me ; that would be absurd indeed ; But this I am bold to assert, that I have been so fortunate as to cure some scrophulated Breasts deemed to be cancerous, and on the Point of being cut off. Likewise some Persons given over by regular Practitioners, of which take the following :

### C A S E XXXIII.

*Mrs. Brown, Wife of Mr. Brown, lately at the Cock, in Clare, Suffolk, now lives at Chilton-Street, near Clare, brought me the following Letter.*

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**M**R. *Brown, the Bearer hereof, hath for some Months laboured under a Disease in her Breast, which the Surgeons term a Schirrhus. Various Applications have been tried and many Medicines taken, which have only served to alleviate her Complaints, without laying a Foundation for healing. This Disease has*

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so near an Affinity with the Evil, that I do not think but it may be really called such. I wish you may be so fortunate as to direct somewhat that may be serviceable; and am, Sir,

*August 23, 1761.* RICHARD HAWES.  
Surgeon, in Cavendish, Suffolk.

Mrs. Brown, was a fat lusty Woman, aged Twenty-seven. About a Year before the above Date, a large Tumour arose in her right Breast, and gathered in nine several Places, opened, dressed, and tented by the Surgeon, and discharged much; but that being thought insufficient to lessen the Breast, two Setons were made quite through the Breast, which were very large, close to the Ribs, in the Form of a Cross, and as the Silk rotted away, through the Virulence of the Matter, in eight or ten Days, more Silk was put in. Four Surgeons met to take off the Breast; and told her if it was not taken off, she could not live to Michaelmas following; as her Breast would rot off in a Week or two if not cut off. This was the State of the Breast when I undertook it. The 30th of November following, I saw Mrs. Brown; all the Ulcers were healed; and the Breast firm, and herself in good Health and Spirits, without any Complaints whatever. February the 27th, 1762, she was with me again, and shewed me her right Breast, sound and firm, but told me that about three Weeks before, on taking Cold, she felt a dashing Pain in her Left Breast, which she shewed me; there was a smooth soft Tumour rising on the upper Part, about the Nipple,

Nipple, which had increased fast. I ordered her proper Remedies for this New Complaint. *April* the 4th, her Husband came to tell me the Tumour was broke and discharged in several Places round the Nipple. I ordered what was proper, and *September* the 6th following, her Husband came again; told me her Breast had been quite well for two Months; was in good Health and Spirits; no Complaint at all; and that the day before he came, she was delivered of a fine Girl, both very well. I saw her some Days after, examined her right Breast, which had lost the Nipple, all continued firm and well; and also her left Breast; but she had no Milk in it, and no Complaint whatever. Mrs. *Brown* had Twins in a Year after, and has had several other children: Both Breasts continue well and firm, and the last lying-in she had Milk came into her left Breast, which is very extraordinary. It is easy to observe from this Case, that taking off Mrs. *Brown's* right Breast would have availed nothing, inasmuch as the left Breast became disordered in the same Manner: so that Amputations are of little Service, except the Constitution be amended; then there is seldom Occasion for the Knife. I do not mention the Method I used in Mrs. *Brown's* Case, because they are beyond common Management. Mrs. *Brown* had had twenty-two Children; Twins the last Time, and I hear, is with Child again, (*this September 1775*) and continues well to this Day. I insert the two following Cases to shew that no Age is exempt from this dreadful Disorder.

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## C A S E XXXIV.

*Samuel Pain, Son of Samuel Pain, Weaver,* in *Clare*, aforesaid, was brought to me at three Weeks old ; he was born with a large Ulcer on the back of his left Hand, and judged to be the King's Evil by Mr. *Young*, a Surgeon of that Place, who recommended him to my Care. This Infant was cured with a Root ; some Verain Water to cleanse the Sore, and Vervain Ointment on a Rag to the Part. The Father sent me a Letter of Thanks for making, as he expresses it, a safe Cure of his Child's Hand. It is evident from this Case, that very simple, gentle Methods are often very efficacious in the Infancy of this Disease.

## C A S E XXXV.

The next Case is of *George Hoggerall*, aged Eighty-eight. He was formerly an under Gardener to Esquire *Honywood*, in *Essex*. He was a remarkable fresh-coloured healthy-looking Man ; and so healthful all his Life, as never to take one Dose of Physic. In the Eighty-sixth Year of his Age, the Sight of both Eyes left him at once ; since which, he had several small Scrophulous Tumours broke on each Side his Neck, discharged much, and seemed to be well digested. His Wife came with him ; they had been married fifty Years, and confirmed the Account of his Health. I gave him my Assistance, and ordered him to call on me when he could. Who could ever have thought that the King's Evil should lie so long dormant in the Constitution of so healthy a Person, without the

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least Symptoms, until the Age of eighty-seven Years, and then appear in its genuine Form? From these two Instances it is very apparent, that no Age is exempt from its Inveteracy.

This will more fully appear by the following Account of two thousand scrophulous Patients, who have applied to me; classed according to their respective Ages and Sexes. I have now near five thousand Cases by me, of Persons who have applied to me, in Scorbutic, Scrophulous and Cancerous Cases, during more than twenty Years Practice, but I thought the following Numbers sufficient to illustrate this Essay.

	Males.	Females.	In all.
Under 5 Years old ——	77	89	166
From 5 Years to 10 Years ——	108	117	225
From 10 Years to 20 Years ——	212	309	521
From 20 Years to 30 Years ——	166	285	451
From 30 Years to 40 Years ——	96	200	296
From 40 Years to 50 Years ——	60	143	203
From 50 Years to 60 Years ——	37	63	100
From 60 Years to 70 Years ——	17	13	30
From 70 Years to 80 Years ——	3	5	7
From 80 Years and upwards ——	1	0	1
	776	1224	2000
	776	1224	2000
	776	1224	2000

From this Account, the Females exceeded the Males more than three to two. Hence it may be concluded, those Persons are greatly mistaken, who in their Writings have advanced, that Persons above forty Years old are rarely, if ever affected with the Scrophula, as also the too common Opinion of Children outgrowing the

the Disorder. Both these Notions tend to make People neglect proper Care until the Disease has taken too fast a Hold to be overcome.

### C A S E   XXXVI.

*John Trus, Taylor, at No. 3, Bunhill-Row, London,* aged thirty-seven, had a violent univeral icorbutic Scrophula, with a Tumour under the left Jaw-bone, one near the right Ear, a Swelling under the left Arm-pit, with many Leprosy-like Eruptions, as large as Half-crowns, in many Parts. I gave him a Vervain Root, and advised him to take ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar, once a Week, for gentle Purgation, and the other six Days a Dram of Crude Antimony, levigated, mixed with the same Quantity of powdered Loat Sugar, and wash it down with Ground-Ivy Tea ; I ordered him to wash all the Eruptions with Infusion of Hemlock, and the Black Plaister under the Jaw-bone, Ear, and such like Places. October 12, 1772, he sent me a Letter of Thanks, that he was by my Advice, and the Blessing of God, perfectly recovered from all the Disorders he had when he called on me.

### C A S E   XXXVII.

*Easter Maxham, of Foxearth, Essex,* aged twenty-seven ; four Months since, some scrophulous Ulcers within side the right Hand, near the Roots of the two smaller Fingers, and several near the Joints on the Backs of the same Fingers ; the Sinews in the Palm of the Hand, hard and contracted, the Corners of her Mouth

scabby. She had a Vervain Root, took gentle Physic to keep her Body open. The Hand was poulticed with white Nettles, Mallows, Goose Fat, and fine Oatmeal, was quite well in two Months, and has no other scrophulous Complaint about her.

### C A S E XXXVIII.

*Joseph Trowls*, of *Birch*, in *Essex*, Labourer, aged Twenty-four, six Months since, a Pain struck into the left Foot and Ankle, were both greatly enlarged, and pitted much, with some undigested Ulcers, and some had thrown off small Pieces of foul Bones, from both Foot and Heel. The Leg was to have been cut off. I ordered the Vervain Root to be worn. He purged gently once a Week, with Tincture of Jalap, and bathed and steeped all the Foot and Ankle with a strong Infusion of Hemlock, then applied stiff Elder Ointment, on Lint, to all the Sores, and drest all twice in the Day. In a Month he found Benefit, and in a Year and a Half a perfect Cure, is now hearty, and strong for Labour, with his Leg on.

### C A S E XXXIX.

The Case of *Mary Sutton*, aged Twenty-eight, living with Mr. *Ranson*, at *North Walsham*, in *Norfolk*: as sent me by Mr. *Layman*, an eminent Surgeon there, *August 20, 1767*, by *Mary Sutton* the Bearer, who when about eight Years old, had an Abscess on the left Side, near the lower Ribs, which was healed with great Difficulty. Three or four Years after this,

this, Swellings appeared on the right Side the Neck, and under the Jaw; some of which suppurated, and as one healed, others broke out; so that there has been a constant Discharge from one or other of these Abscesses. Though there are no other evident Marks of a Scrophula, yet there is the greatest Reason to believe this to be so; as by her own Account, both Mother and Grandmother were afflicted with the same Disease, the former in a very severe Manner. She had now a Tumour under her Chin, wanted digesting, seeming healthy otherwise. I gave her a Vervain Root, advised an Ounce of red Dock Roots sliced thin, a Pint of Cheese Whey poured boiling hot over it, cover up close, when cool, strain, and drink one half fasting, the other at Night, daily, to keep the Body in good Order; a Piece of Gum Plaster, fresh once in three or four Days, to the Tumour under the Chin. She soon got well. Mr. Ranson called on me *May* the 4th, 1772, told me she had had no Complaint for Years, was married, and had a Child or two, and all in perfect Health, and no Complaint whatever.

#### C A S E XL.

A Gentlewoman, in *London*, aged Fifty-four, had a violent scrophulous Disorder in both Eyes, much inflamed, run clear Water, so corrosive as to fret the Skin off the Cheeks, with terrible Smartings, and great Pain in her Forehead; kept in a dark Room, not being able to bear any Light; had been often disordered in the same Manner, but not so bad;

had much Advice in *London* without any Benefit. Then was sent to *Brightelmstone*, to bathe, and drink salt Water, she returned in a Month much worse, she had the Scrophula in her Family. I gave her a Vervain Root, and some Vervain Eye-Water to drop a few Drops, often in the Day, into each Eye, and advised a gentle Purgative; but no Salts of any Kind. In three or four Months she got very well, and has been so many Years.

## C A S E XLI.

*Elizabeth Turvey*, of *Wortham, Suffolk*, aged eight Years. Six Weeks after a Fever, many scrophulous Ulcers broke out, on, and about the left Foot. I gave her a Root, ordered stewed Prunes and Senna, for gentle Physic, and all the Ulcers to be covered with a thick Poultice of white Nettles, Pork Lard, and Oatmeal, fresh and warm, Morning and Night.

*Wortham, July 29, 1772.*

THESE are to inform you that my Daughter *Elizabeth Turvey* mended within six Hours after she was with you, and she is now perfectly cured, by what you was pleased to order for her. Am extremely obliged to you, for the Trouble you took to cure her.

From your humble Servant,

ELIZABETH TURVEY.

To Mr. Morley, This.

## C A S E XLII.

*James Scott*, of *Deepdale, Suffolk*, aged Thirty-six, had a Tumour, and Ulcers, and Swellings

Swellings on the left Side of the Face, with a Difficulty of opening his Mouth, been encreasing four Months, I found no other Complaint. I recommended the Vervain Root, Tincture of Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, and to apply a Poultice of half Mallow Leaves, and half Elder Leaves, Pork Lard, and a little Oatmeal, fresh and warm, all over that Side of his Face, and Jaws, Morning and Night. Six Weeks after he came to thank me, being quite well.

### C A S E XLIII.

*John Everett, of Weeting, near Brand, in Norfolk, Linen Weaver, aged Twenty-eight. Two Years since, a Pain on the right Side the Small of the Back, and became a very large Swelling, opened by a Surgeon, and discharged much stringy thickish Matter for eight Months, the Ulcer was very foul, so came to me. I advised the Vervain Root, and Jalap Purges once, or twice a Week, and to cleanse the Wound with Hemlock Infusion, and strong Elder Ointment over all, to dress Morning and Night.*

*April 5. 1773.*

S I R,

I Write to let you know, that I am got finely well of my Complaint, Thanks be to God, and you ! It has been healed up about three Months. I followed your Directions very strictly. I conclude with returning you Thanks.

Your humble Servant,  
JOHN EVERET.

## C A S E   X L I V.

*Spooner Russel, Son of Robert Russel, of Burnham Deepdale, in Norfolk, Butcher, aged three Years and a Half, had a violent scorbutic Scrophula. His Head and Body all over Scabs, run much clear Water, seeming in good Health otherwise. The Surgeon said, he would eat his Hat, if the Child was cured. In about three Months he was quite well, by the following Method; first, I recommended the Vervain Root, then to take a Quarter of a Pint of medicated Whey, daily, at three or four small Cupfuls, viz. A Quarter of an Ounce of red Dock Roots, sliced thin, about a dozen Leaves of Garden Sorrel, lightly bruised, and pour a large Quarter of a Pint of Cheese Whey, boiling, on them, cover up close, when cool to be strained, and drank warm, as above. The Quantity of Dock Roots to be increased, or diminished, as it operated, two Motions in twenty-four Hours are proper. I advised Sorrel, and Groundsel Leaves; equal Parts, to make an Ointment for his Head, and Vervain Ointment to the other Parts. Note, The Inside Leaf of a Goose tried up, makes the best Ointment in these Cases.*

## C A S E   X L V.

*Abel Ren, of Marden, Kent, aged Twenty-eight, had the Evil about his Head and Face, from his Birth, was seventeen Weeks in the London Infirmary, had fourteen small Pieces of Bone ditched from his Mouth and Nose, and seemed well for a little Time; but the Humour soon returned again, for seven Years past; he came*

came to me the 23d of October, 1772, with three Ulcers on his Forehead, and complained of his Head, much disordered, Mouth and Nose breaking out. I recommended a Vervain Root, a gentle Purge of Tincture of Jalap, made with Geneva, taken once a Week, in Cheese Whey, or warm Ale, and to wash all the Wounds with a strong Infusion of Hemlock, Morning and Night, and Elder Ointment over all; he was with me May the 24th, 1773, all well, but one Sore on his Forehead; on which he had received an unlucky Blow. September the 9th, 1773, a Gentleman from his Parts, says, he has been very well of that, and all other Complaints, for some Months.

#### C A S E   X L V I .

*John Wilson, of Faversham, in Kent, Breeches-Maker, aged Twenty-eight, came to me for Advice, May the 5th, 1770.* Two Years and Half before he had many scrophulous Tumours, and Ulcers, round the Neck, and under the Chin, some were taken out by Caustics, by an Italian Mountebank, on Tower-bill, at two Guineas per Week; then an eminent Surgeon ordered Salt Water inward, and outward, to no effect. He had now six running Ulcers, two or three very deep, about the Neck and Throat. I advised the Vervain Root, and gentle Jalap Purges, once a Week, the other six Days, an Ounce of common Red Dock Roots, sliced thin, twenty or thirty Leaves of Sorrel, bruised, put into a Pot, and a Pint of Cheese Whey, boiling hot, poured on them, covered up close, and when cool, strained,

strained, and drank at four Times in the Day, with thirty or forty Millepedes, bruised, and drank, in the first and last Doses, Morning and Night. To cleanse all the Sores, with the Hemlock Infusion, then apply a Poultice, of half White Nettles, and half Elder Leaves, Pork Lard, and Oatmeal, fresh and warm, Morning and Night, over all, till well. *August* the 3d, 1770, he came to thank me, being quite well.

### C A S E XLVII.

*James Rayner*, of *Hensted, Suffolk*, aged Thirty-three, a Carpenter, four Years before I saw him, his right Hand, and Wrist, were greatly swelled, the Palm very hard, and all the Fingers stiff and useless, two Years after, eighteen scrophulous Ulcers, not deep, broke out in those Parts, and run a very thin watery Ichor, and sometimes bloody, but no good Matter: Body rather costive. I gave him a Root, and ordered Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, in small Ale or Cheese Whey. The other six Days, a Dram of Antimony, very finely levigated, in a little Honey, and Ground-Ivy Tea after it. To steep the Hand and Wrist, a Quarter of an Hour, in a strong Hemlock Infusion, Morning and Night, Then to anoint all over with Vervain Ointment, and cover all with a Poultice, of half green Elder Bark, and half White Nettles, mashed and warm, got very well in about four Months.

### C A S E XLVIII.

*Mary Tills*, of *Stoke, by Naylend, Suffolk*, single Woman, aged Twenty-eight, had a large foul

soul Ulcer, just above the Ankle of the right Leg, the Breadth of a Crown Piece, and very deep, with several small Knots about it, had been ailing nine Years. Had a large Vervain Root, took Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, put scraped Carrot very fine, dry and warm, into the Sore, and applied a Poultice of half Groundsel, half Mallows, Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal, fresh and warm, Morning and Night. In a Week she found much Ease, and the Knots about the Ulcer grew softer, and in four Months a perfect Cure.

#### C A S E   X L I X .

A violent Scutvy ; a Gentlewoman aged Fifty-five, a Humour all over her, particularly Spring and Fall, with a bad Scurf, like Scabs, from Head to Foot, and itched much, been so above thirty Years ; when she changed her Linen, it would almost stand alone. Recommended Mrs. Bulmer's Diet Drink, Morning and Night, and a Wine Glass of Millepedes Wine, at Eleven and Four o'Clock. Hemlock Infusion, with Mutton Suet dissolved in it, to wash the scabby Places, and a few Drops of Vinegar to help the Itching, Elder Ointment where necessary. Sorrel and Reasons for Drought, and a Vervain Root to the Stomach, when the Scabs were off. Got very well.

#### C A S E   L .

*Mary Norman*, aged six Months, almost as soon as born, an inveterate scorbutic Humour appeared all over the Head and Body, with innumerable

numerable scabby Eruptions; and a most deplorable Object. I ordered her Dock Roots and Sorrel Whey, a proper Quantity to give two or three Motions in the Day, and an Ointment made with equal Parts of the same, and Goose Fat to anoint all the Scabs, and as they fell off, to wash with Lime Water, a Pound to a Gallon; and then the Ointment again, as often as any Scabs should appear. The Child was brought to me in a few Weeks quite clear, brisk, and well. I gave no Vervain Root, as I thought the Case an inveterate Scurvy, without the Scrophula.

### C A S E L I.

*Sarah Rawling*, aged Thirty-two, about eight Months since, a Pain struck at once into the left Knee, an Inflammation up the Thigh, was opened by a Surgeon, and discharged only a bloody Sanies. She had a Seton on the Knee, and many deep Sinusses, the Thigh very hollow. She had a Swelling near the Small of the same Leg, which broke of itself, and discharged bad coloured and bloody Matter, her Menses not regular. I recommended a Root, Tincture of Jalap in Geneva, twice a Week, and to take out all the Tents and syringe the Wounds full, with Infusion of Hemlock; and a Piece of Gentian Root, to keep the Orifices of the Wounds open, then Elder Ointment over all, the Egg Liquor under the Ham, to all the shrunk Sinews: dress all twice a Day. Her Father, *Jonathan Rawling*, of *Lidgate*, in *Suffolk*, Wheelwright, wrote as follows,

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MR. MORLEY,

MY Duty to you, and to let you know, that with your Advice, and the Blessing of Almighty God, my Daughter, *Sarab Rawling*, who had eight Wounds in her Leg, Thigh, and Knee, has been sound and well these four Months. Bless God and you for it, she was bedrid a Quarter of a Year, the Doctor said he could do no more for her. She got on Stilts, and soon gathered Strength in her Leg and Knee, is now well, and gone to Service.

### C A S E LII.

Is the remarkable Case of *William Crampborn*, Son of *George Crampborn*, of *Dunmow*, in *Essex*, aged Eighteen, recommended by Mr. *Rayner*, Surgeon and Apothecary there. Had a very bad scorbutic Scrophula on both Hands, his Face and Back, went off with a thick Scurf, itched much, and very hot, and a foul Ulcer within-side the right Ankle, and a poor State of Health. I gave him a Vervain Root; and bid him pour a Pint of Cheese Whey, boiling, on an Ounce of Water Dock Root, sliced thin, and a few Leaves of Scurvy Gras; cover up close, when cool, strain and drink that Quantity daily. To dress the Ulcer with Hemlock Leaves, mashed with Flower of Brimstone, twice a Day. To make an Ointment of Elder, and Hemlock Leaves, equal Parts, with Hog's Lard; and use often to the Eruptions, and sometimes a little Tincture of Jalap. I saw him in a Month, much better. Some Months after, I received a Letter from

from Mr. *Tindall*, of *Dunmore*, that the Man had not a Sore about him, but by his long Confinement, was so exceeding weak, and low, as not able to set up but a few Hours in the Day; His Distemper seeming to be now entirely in his Body, which is extremely hard and full of Knots, nothing has passed through him for ten Days past, the Jalap you ordered, does not move him; he fetches his Breath with Difficulty, his Water nothing but Corruption, has entirely lost his Appetite, can keep few Things on his Stomach. As his Case is different from what it was, when he waited on you; it may require a different Treatment — Thus far the Letter. I then ordered half an Ounce of pure fine Quicksilver, every Morning till it passed, and then to leave it off, and to drink Mallow Tea, with a few fresh green Elder Leaves, enough to purge gently, two or three times in the Day, and to eat good Mutton, and Beef Broth, with a few Sorrel and white Nettle Leaves, a little Oatmeal boiled in it, for constant Food; this was *March* the 19th, 1770, I saw him *September* the 4th following, his Sores all held well, Stomach tolerable, but complained of a Hardness in the Region of the Spleen, though I could perceive none, his Water now a Brick-dust Sediment, which was mostly Corruption before, his Legs sometimes broke out, with many small pimply Eruptions, and discharged a little bloody Saries, kept breaking, and healing, alternately, for some Time; I advised him to bathe them in strong Cabbage Broth,

Broth, gentle Jalap Purges once a Week, and a Cataplasm of Groundsel, mashed and quilted in Linen, to the Spleen, and renewed once in four or five Days, just warm. *June 27, 1771,* I saw him; he had no sores, or any Complaint whatever, but rather weak, from his long Illness; since which he has grown perfectly strong and hearty. This Case evidently shews the Propriety of my seeing Patients more than Once or Twice, in difficult and obstinate Complaints; particularly as Symptoms vary, or the Disease takes a different Turn, by a Translation of the Morbid Matter to other Parts.

### C A S E LIII.

A Man, aged Thirty-five, had, *August, 1771,* two scrophulous Ulcers on the Outside of the right Thigh, a Foot Distance, and in each a leaden Tube, to carry off a constant Discharge, and two more Abscesses, broke afterwards, and all communicated with each other. Had been under four of the principal Surgeons, of the greatest Character in *London*, which I forbear to name, not willing to give Offence to any One. His Thigh had been laid open above twelve Inches in Length, the principal Surgeon said he was a bold Man that did it. These attempted a Cure without Success. I recommended a large Vervain Root, twenty grains of Crude Antimony finely levigated twice a Day, to be washed down with Sarsaparilla Tea. To wash and syringe the Wounds with strong Hemlock Infusion, and lay aside the Tubes, to anoint the contracted Sinews with Egg Liquor Morning and Evening,

Evening, and a Plaster of Elder Ointment over all. *January 1772*, he wrote me, he was much better, could walk a Mile or two without a Stick, which he had not done for two Years before. In *April, 1773*, he wrote me, he was very finely, and the Wounds quite healed. *Jaues Hodge, Shoemaker, in St. Peter's Man-croft, Norwich*, can testify the Truth of this Cure.

#### C A S E LIV.

*George Lingwood, Son of George Lingwood, of Hatcheston, in Suffolk, Farmer, aged Twenty-four, had a scrophulous Sore on the Outside the left Thigh, discharged clear Water, from many small Places like Pinholes, and seemed hollow, had been opened four Times by a Surgeon, healed, and held well a Year, then broke out again, and very lame, was nine Weeks in St. George's Hospital, without any Benefit, was with me. I gave him a Vervain Root, ordered Tincture of Jalap for gentle Purgation, to inject the Wounds with Hemlock Infusion, and to apply a Poultice of equal Parts of Hemlock Leaves, and young Elder Bark, a little Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal, fresh and warm, and to dress all Morning and Night. Three Months after, I had a Letter of Thanks, for his being got quite well of his Lameness, and no Complaint. This I term an Honeycomb Scrophula.*

#### C A S E LV.

*Thomas Bays, at Mr. Moore's, S. John Lane, Cambridge, aged Nineteen, a scrophulous Dis-order*

order above and below the right Knee, a large Piece of the Skin taken off by the Surgeons on the in-side of the Knee, which is now healed up. The Probe was passed almost through the Joint ; now, *July 15, 1771*, a Gathering below the Inside of the Knee, and a great Lameness, and many scrophulous Breakings-out about him. I recommended a Vervain Root, and Mrs. Bullmer's Diet Drink, and to poultice the Knee with half Mallow Leaves, and half Groundsel ; and the Inside of a Fig where it pointed to break. This soon broke and digest-ed the Sore ; then it was healed up with Elder Ointment, made of Goose Fat. The Surgeons talked of Amputation. *December* following, his Letter says, he was four Months before he got right well of his Lameness, and now can walk and run, as well as ever.

### C A S E LVI,

*Alice Clarke, of Great Wigborough, Essex,* aged Twenty, two Months since, a Pain struck into the right Hand and Wrist, the Back and Palm of the Hand, much swelled and very hard, as also the Wrist ; was opened in five Places by a Surgeon, who proposed taking off the Arm, the Leg and Ankle were much in the same Si-tuation, with some small Ulcers. *Ju'y 15, 1771*, she came to me. I advised the Vervain Root, some gentle Purges of Tincture of Jalap, and to steep the diseased Parts in strong Cabbage Broth, half an Hour Morning and Night, very warm. Then to cover all the Wounds with white Nettles, mashed well with Pork Lard,

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and warmed. The 20th of *September* following, she came to me much mendēd. I ordered her then to anoint the Wrist and Thumb with Oil of Sheep's Trotters, and bathe well in by the Fire, and to wash the drying scabby Sores with Hemlock Infusion. *November 25*, a Neighbour told me the Hand and Wrist were quite well, and Leg and Ankle just well also.

### C A S E LVI.

*William Seikr*, of *Friday Thorp*, near *Malton*, in *Yorkshire*, aged about Forty, a Shepherd by Business, his Brother, Mr. *Robert Sharp*; came with him to me, in *June, 1771*. His left Elbow Joint had many large Ulcers about it, and the Bones seemingly greatly enlarged, the lower Arm and Hand much swelled, the Elbow Joint stiff and immoveable, carried in a Sling and useless, bad Stomach, and little Rest. I advised a Vervain Root, and Jalap, &c. all the Wounds to be dressed with the Juice of bruised Hemlock Leaves, and covered over with Cabbage Leaves, Morning and Night. The Ulcers soon discharged amazingly, the Swelling of the Hand and Arm soon abated, in a few Weeks he could stir his Fingers ; he took daily, one Dram of Antimony, finely levigated, in Syrup of Elder, many Weeks (except he purged with the Jalap;) I saw him once a Week, till *October* following, then he went home greatly mended. I advised him to continue the Hemlock Juice, and Cabbage Leaves, and Antimony, and add a Poultice of half Mallow Leaves, and half fresh green Elder Bark, washed with a little

a little Pork Lard, to a small Tumour; in the Bend of the Elbow, when no Herbs in Winter then to cover the Wounds with the Black Plaister. November the 8th, 1772, he returned me many Thanks by Letter, and says his Wounds are almost healed, only a little Stiffness in the Elbow Joint, his Appetite restored, and slept on Nights as well as usual. June 13, 1773, Robert Sharp, his Brother, wrote; he was surprised to see his Arm so well recovered, and only one very small Ulcer, and at this Time, almost as able to do his Business as formerly.—  
 “ Sir, the Surgeons in our Country, whoever  
 “ saw it, were all in one Mind, that there was  
 “ no Cure without Amputation, &c.”

In July, 1775, Robert Sharp writes me, his Brother, William Seller, at this Time is quite sound, and hath been this Half Year, and is as healthful, at this present, as he ever was in all his Life. The Ulcers are all healed up, and he is capable of doing any Kind of Business, whatever comes to Hand. And he hath cured several People of that Complaint since he left Ex. Blush! ye Surgeons, Blush!

### C A S E L V I I I .

May, 1771, I was sent for to give my Advice to Margaret Banyard, Wife of John Banyard, Shoemaker, of Wickham Market, in Suffolk, aged Fifty-one. She had, then, a very bad ulcerated Cancer, in the Middle of her right Breast, almost deep enough to contain an Hen's Egg, and some scrophulous Complaints in other Parts; she at first found some Relief from my

Directions, afterwards relapsed, and died in August, 1773. When I first saw her, and examined her State of Health, she told me as follows, viz. her maiden Name was *Cutting*. At four Years old, she had a Swelling under her Tongue, on the Salival Glands, which the Surgeon that attended her, pronounced cancerous; he ordered the Tumour to be syringed every three Hours, to destroy the Cancer (as he called it) with a Liquor so corrosive, that the Slaver from her Mouth eat Holes in her Linen where it fell; till at length the Strings of her Tongue were eaten in sunder, and the Tongue separated from its Roots, and was spit out in two Pieces, and left not the least visible Remainder, but a great Hollowness whence it came. Her Mother standing by her at the Time, cried out, "Now my poor Child can never speak more." The Child immediately replied, "Yes, Mamma, I can speak," has had the Use of Speech ever since, so well, few People would remark it. I observed she rather lisped a little, at pronouncing some Letters, wanting the Tongue to apply to the Roof of her Mouth to help her Pronunciation. When she was a young Woman, she was critically examined by the Royal Society in *London*, and sung them two Songs, to their great Wonder. She told me, she missed her Tongue most, in swallowing her Victuals, for after chewing her Food, she was forced to thrust it to her Swallow with her Finger, for two or three Years; but afterwards that Difficulty removed, by her Youth and Custom. I should not have mentioned this,

this, but there are so many living Witnesses in the whole Town of *Wickham Market*, and its Neighbourhood, that can attest the Truth. This shews the Tongue is not absolutely necessary for Speech, but the Lips are the greatest Instruments of Pronunciation.

### C A S E LIX.

A Lady, aged Thirty, had a Lump on the right Breast, just above the Nipple (by a Blow) it was smooth, moveable, and soft, and some dashing Pains ; was ordered Millipedes, which lessened the Lump something. I advised the Continuance of the Millepedes, a Pint to a Quart of Lisbon Wine, drink a Glass of the Turbid Liquor, at Eleven and Four ; and to take one Scruple of *Æthiop's Mineral*, in Conserve of Roses, Morning and Night, and to wear a Cloth boiled in many Folds in Hemlock Decoction, dried, and ironed smooth, and renewed once in two or three Days, without washing. Got better, and left off for a Month, and Pain returned ; and was let Blood, which greatly abated the Pain ; then used the same Things again, only, instead of the Cloth, she applied green Hemlock Leaves, bruised and quilted in Linen, warm. Has been well some Years.

### C A S E LX.

Mrs. *Mary Holmes*, of *Monks Ely*, *Suffolk*, aged Forty-two, about four Years since, a small Knot rose on the left Breast, which suppurated, and healed of itself. Now, *July the 23d, 1770*, since *Christmas* last, a Hardness gathered on

great Part of the same Breast, and a Rising below the Nipple, was poulticed, and opened by a Surgeon, but not healed, then I was consulted, I ordered a Vervain Root, to purge gently with Rose Leaves, boiled in Cheese Whey, once a Week ; the other six Days to take twenty Millipedes, bruised in Whey, Morning fasting, and last at Night, to apply a Poultice all over the Breast, of one-third Mallow Leaves, one-third Elder Leaves, or Bark, and one-third the Inside of Figs, boiled tender, in thin Milk, and mashed well together, to be applied, warm, Morning and Night, first syringing the Wounds, and washing all the Breast, with a pretty strong Infusion of Hemlock. September the 10th, was much mended, the Knots wasting, and no Pain, December, 1770, came to me ; the Knots all dissolved, and looked only a little reddish, so a Poultice of mellow Apples, restored it to its natural Colour and Soundness.

### C A S E LXI.

*Ruth Richardson, Wife of Thomas Richardson, of Withersfield, aged Thirty-three, had a seropulous Tumour on the right Breast, just above the Nipple, broke and run a thin Sanies, for a Fortnight, with some Hardnesses round the Orifice had, formerly, a Sore on her Back and Hip, and a sore Throat, but they are all well some Time since ; has only now the Complaint in her Breast. I advised Sorrel and Dock Roots, in Cheese Whey, to take Half a Pint, three Times in the Day, once in the Morning fasting, once at Eleven, and once at Four o'Clock.*

o'Clock, daily, and to poultice the Breast with half Mallow Leaves and half Groundsel, and a little Pork Lard, fresh and warm, Morning and Night. She came a Month after, to thank me, has been well a Fortnight. I had given her no Root. I now gave her a Root by Way of Prevention. About a Year after, she brought another Person for my Advice, and to shew me how well she continued.

### C A S E   L X I I .

The following Case and Cure was sent me by a humane charitable Lady out of *Berkshire*. About two Years ago, a Lad, about Eighteen, had a Swelling on the Back of his Hand; was thought a Childblain, broke into small Wounds, grew so bad, he was sent to *Winchester Hospital*; was there near six Months; his Hand was laid open very deep, near a Year before it healed. It dried up by Degrees; and immediately his Leg and Foot began to swell, and broke into large Wounds, and discharged a great Quantity of watery Matter, for several Months; was at last healed, by the same Medicines given him in the Hospital, for his Hand. The Gentlemen there disagreed in their Opinion, some declared it the Evil, others not, but it has since proved so past a Doubt. He continued well for some Months. About *Christmas*, 1772, a violent Swelling fell into his Elbow, and all round that Part of his Arm, particularly in the Joint, which put him to excessive Pain, for two Months, then broke and discharged, in the same Manner his Leg and Foot had done before

fore. He was advised to dress it with brown Cerat, and dry Lint, and to take some opening Pills, which kept him rather easier, but he had very little essential Benefit. But very happily, about two Months ago, we were advised to let him try your very excellent Remedies, published in your Treatise; which (thank God!) has been of vast Service. Four large Wounds, two under the Arm, and the other in the Joint, are almost healed. Not meeting a Case exactly similar, I ventured to collect something from different Cases, and used the following: First, I put a large Vervain Root about his Neck, his Arm fomented with Flannel, in a strong Infusion of Hemlock, Morning and Night; then Vervain Ointment to the Wounds, dry Lint, and a fine Rag, spread with the Ointment, over all, to prevent sticking. He took ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar, once a Week; the other six Days, a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, and washed down with Ground-Ivy Tea. A subsequent Letter says, 'All the Wounds are healed, ' and the Arm, every Day gains Strength, and ' the Lad in perfect Health of Body.' The Lad was taken into the Family, to be under the Lady's own Inspection.—A rare Example of Humanity indeed: Is since well and gone to Service.

### C A S E LXIII.

The following Letter I received, April 26,  
1774. Mr. Morley, Sir, In the Beginning of  
September, I purposely made a Journey to  
*Halstead,*

*Hatfield*, to beg your Advice concerning an Ulcer I had, in my right Leg, for upwards of ten Years ; and I can now (Blessed be God) safely say, it was the best Journey I ever took in my Life ; you was kind enough, (for which may God for ever bless you and your's) after examining it, to advise me, on my Arrival in *London*, to purchase one of your Essays on scrophulous Disorders, and to follow the Case of *John Newton*, No. 26, with this Addition, to steep it half an Hour, instead of a quarter, and to use the Vervain Root, which I strictly followed, and in about four Months the Ulcer was healed, and nothing of it remained, but some little Matter of the Swelling, which was soon eradicated, by continuing to steep it, and now and then, using the Tincture of Jalap. I am now as sound as ever I was in my Life ; enjoy as good a State of Health as any Man ; and can and do work as hard in my Busines, as a Brass Founder. The Joy it gives me is inexpressible, as it is natural to suppose, considering the Time I had it, and the many, many Methods I made use of. Had been in three Hospitals, under other Surgeons, and several private People to no Purpose ; till happily I was strongly solicited to apply to you ; which I did, and (Blessed be God) obtained a sound Cure. That God may bless you in this World and that to come, is the hearty Prayer of honoured Sir, your ever obliged humble Servant at Command,

WILLIAM JEYES,  
Brass Founder, No. 38, Queen-street, Cheap-side, London.

P. S.

P. S. If the Publication of this in your next, will be of any Service to the Public, I am exceedingly agreeable it should make its Appearance,

### C A S E L X I V.

*London, July the first, 1774,* Friend Morley, having thy Advice the 19th Day of the 4th Month, called *April*, 1769, for my Daughter, *Hannah Boyle*, a Child about five Years old, who was at that Time very much afflicted with the scrophulous Humour, having a great Tumour under her left Ham, and on the thick Part of her Thigh, and her left Arm at the Elbow and Back of her Hand; there were several Pieces of Bone came out of the Back of her Hand. I did not ask any Body else for Advice after I had thine, and kept strictly to thy Prescription, by which (under the Blessing of God) my Child has got a perfect Cure, and has not had any Return of the Disorder since, which is about three Years and a half ago. I have been many Times going to write to inform thee of the great Cure thou hast made, (for so I may call it) on my Child. It was a Wonder to many Physicians, and a great many other Sorts of People; but for fear of a Return, I have postponed it till now. If thou think this may be of Service to the Public, thou have the Liberty to publish the same, from one with a grateful Heart remains thy assured Friend, at all Times, to command,

MATTHEW BOYLE, Brushmaker, Cow-Cross,  
Smithfield, London.

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This Child I advised to have a good Vervain Root, to drink Dock Root, and Sorrel Whey, daily, with three or four Grains of Jalap Powder (if necessary) to keep the Body in good Order. *Diacolon cum Gummis* Plasters to the Sores, and to the Back of the Hand a Poultice of Archangel and Elder Leaves, with Pork Lard; these used with Discretion did the Cure.

### C A S E L X V.

*Mary Goat, Wife of Robert Goat, of Brandon, Suffolk, Shoemaker, aged Thirty-nine, was with me May the 14th, 1774; her right Breast swelled and hardish, not discoloured, but darting, dashing Pains, chiefly against Change of Weather; a small Knot in the left Breast. Mr. Cable, Surgeon and Apothecary there, said it was a Cancer.* I directed a Quarter of a Pound of fresh Burdock Roots, to be washed, sliced thin, and boiled in a Pint of Spring Water, to half, strained, and half a Pint of scummed Milk, added, and drank warm, at four Times in the Day; to drink thirty Millepedes bruised in the first and last Draughts; to wear Groundsel in Quilting over the Breast, and renewed once in the Day. *June* the 2d, her right Breast broke, and run tolerable good Matter: then I advised her to boil a few Elder Leaves, and Mallow Leaves, with the Burdocks, to keep her Body rather loose, and to apply a Poultice of Groundsel and white Nettles, equal Parts, mashed with Goose Fat, warm to the Breast. *August* the 13th, 1774, I received the following; Sir, I can with Pleasure, and grateful

ful Acknowledgment, inform you that my Breast is quite well ; it was just six Weeks from the Time it began to the Healing up ; it broke in seven Holes. My left Breast is bravely, and the Knot wastes daily. To you (under God) I owe my Life, because the Doctors could do nothing for me but cut it off. Pray God preserve you for the Good of Mankind, &c.

MARY GOAT.

### C A S E L X V I .

SIR, Godalming, Sept. 16, 1774:

Having this Opportunity, I make bold to write to you in Behalf of *William Bradley*, He returns you his sincere and hearty Thanks for the Benefit he has received by the Medicines described in your Book. I will write this Case as I had it from himself. About twelve Years ago, had a Swelling came in the Infide of his right Knee, was very painful, was sent to Dr. *Newland*, at *Petworth*, it was poulticed for a Month, was then cut by him, and healed up with much Difficulty. Soon after his Leg and Thigh swelled so that he could not walk ; was then sent to St. *Thomas's Hospital*, he was there six Months, but was turned out as incurable. A little Time after, his Leg and Thigh swelled very much, and the Sinews of his Ham so contracted that his Foot would not touch the Ground by six Inches ; could not walk without Crutches and great Pain. He had a great Swelling on his right Shoulder, very painful ; he was brought to the Workhouse under my Care, so very bad he could not help himself. His Wounds were all

all dressed with dry Lint every Day, and his Shoulder poulticed with Oatmeal and Small Beer, by our Doctor's Orders, but that did not ripen or disperse it; then I made a Poultice of St. James's Wort, and Pork Lard, that brought it to a Head, and it broke of itself in a few Days. I heard of Mr. Morley's Book, sent to London for one, and directly put him under John Buck's Cafe, and that has made a perfect Cure of his Leg and Thigh, the Wounds of them all healed up, is in very good Health, and got out of the Workhouse; but comes daily to have his Shoulder dressed, which has discharged two Pieces of Bone, one Inch and a Quarter long, and about three Quarters broad, and many small Pieces, like Crumbs of Bread; as the Black Plaister did not heal it, should be glad to know what will (by the Bearer) and I will get it for the poor Fellow.

EDMUND PALMER,  
*Governor of the Workhouse, in Godalming,  
Surry.*

To —— Morley, Esq. Halstead, Essex.

I sent proper Directions by the Bearer, but the Shoulder will not heal till all the foul Bones are discharged.

#### C A S E XLVII.

Mrs. E. Hibberdine, of Banbury, in Oxfordshire, sent me this most extraordinary Cafe and Cure, March 27, 1776. Mrs. Anna Maria Palmer, of Swerford, Oxfordshire, now about fifty Years old, had many bad Child-blains when a Child, difficultly cured; and for some Years

Years after, Spring and Fall, had many Breakings-out in her Face, and about her Ears ; at about twenty-five Years old, was seized in a most terrible Manner, which several Physicians and skilful Persons of the Faculty, could not account for ; only the late Dr. *Lewis*, of *Oxford*, said it was a cancerous Humour, ran quite through her Inside. She had no Sore outwardly, or Appearance of a Cancer. She was taken on a Sudden with a Kind of Hysterick Fit, Sore Throat, Hoarseness and Shortness of Breath ; and soon became so very weak, as not able to bear the Smell of Food ; with many other Complaints, too numerous to mention. Evacuations were made use of, with Fever Medicines, but with little Effect ; her Throat swelled to a most surprising Bigness, and was so painful and bad within-side, that she often feared it would choak her. She had Blisters, Setons, Steems, and Gargles, but all in vain. In Half a Year the Swellings of the Throat abated, and she got about a little, but during the whole Time had the Bloody Flux in a terrible Degree ; which could not be stopped, though she was bled in the Arm for it once a Fortnight. This weakened her so much, that in Half a Year more, she was forced to take to her Bed again, for near a Year. The same Medicines were tried again, without any Effect. Now all her former Complaints returned, a slow Fever, sore Stomach, Faintings, sudden Chills, and Flutterings, together with a Pleurisy, and was convulsed ; for which a Blister was applied to the Heart, which relieved much, and removed  
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that Complaint ; but still had Pains all over her, especially Head, Stomach, and Bowels, for which she had frequent Glisters ; she had also great Sweats. In this Illness, one Mr. Smart, an Apothecary of some Note, out of *Worcestershire*, was consulted ; he ordered an Electuary, which was useful ; and to ride out as soon as able ; which was done, and she remained tolerably well for about a Year. But still the Flux continued, though in a somewhat less Degree. But upon taking Cold, her old Complaints returned with greater Violence. The Electuary was tried again, but had no Effect at all ; the Bark too was often tried in various Forms, but to no Purpose. At the Beginning of this Illness, her Reason was greatly impaired, and her Memory almost lost ; for which two Caustics (I suppose Issues) were ordered by Dr. Lewis ; this was in 1762, one made on each Thigh ; and discharged very much. In Half a Year after this, her Reason returned, and she rose again. She continued up, and capable of her Business (which is chiefly sewing) two whole Years ; then all returned again. In this Illness she entirely lost her Speech, and never spoke a Word for three Quarters of a Year. The Caustic still continued running very much. She now took Assafætida Pills, and artificial Asses Milk ; then rose again, and continued up a Year or more. Then was seized again, and her Reason was quite gone, four Years and an half, or more ; nothing fresh was used now, only Figs boiled in Milk, during this Period, the Caustics were gradually let go,

go, and then her Voice, Strength and Reason returned in some Degree ; rose again, but remained up only nineteen Weeks ; was then seized with a putrid Sore Throat, which soon brought on all her old Complaints ; entirely deprived her of her Reason, and confined her to her Bed, where she remained many Years in a most deplorable Way ; every fresh Seizure, her Complaints grew more violent. During her Illness, she always felt as if drawn together Within-side.—Sir, On reading your Essay, and recollecting what Dr. *Lewis* had said, of a cancerous Humour running within-side without any outward Appearance ; I thought a scrophulous one might do the same ; especially as Dr. *Lewis* said, her Grandfather died of the Evil in his Foot. This gave me the Hint of trying your Methods, which we began with *November 4, 1774.* The Vervain Root was then put on, after wearing it one Fortnight, the Patient's Sister perceived some Mitigation of the Violence of her Anguish, for she used to say, her's was not Pain, it was Agony. Then the Millepedes Pills, as in Case XVII. were given for her Sore Throat, and in a Month her Reason began to return. Then she took the Antimony in fine Powder, with Honey and Ground-Ivy Tea, as in Case XLVII. by *Christmas*, she could read, and understand what she read. In about six Weeks more she began to rise, but was very weak, and her Strength returned slowly ; yet continued to increase. At the *Easter* following, she came down Stairs, with the full and free Exercise of her Reason ; which has remained

mained perfectly clear ever since; to the great Surprise of all who knew her. At her first coming down, her Legs swelled a good deal, and were in Pain; she took the Diet Drink, as in Case XII. which quite removed that Complaint in a few Months. By *Michaelmas*, 1775, she was quite well, and able to walk half a Mile at a Time; has remained so ever since; but continues the Diet Drink this Spring, 1776, by Way of Prevention. Sometimes she takes a little Tincture of Jalap. She is at this Time as Healthy and Strong, as is reasonable to expect a Person, who has been so long afflicted, should possibly be. If you think, Sir, this extraordinary Case merits a Place in your next Edition, it is at your Service, and that of the Public. I wrote it as short as I could, from Mrs. *Palmer's* own Mouth, and her Sister's; and was myself also an Eye, and Ear-witness, to great Part of the Facts; having been personally acquainted with them both, from my Childhood, seen and converted frequently with them, in all their Affliction. The two Sisters and Brother present their humble Duty and Thanks to Mr. *Morley*, &c. Such long protracted Sufferings, so very circumstantially related, and so extremely well authenticated; must convince every unprejudiced Practitioner, (even the most skilful) how difficult it often is, to judge of scrophulous Cases; if they seriously consider this so strange a complicated one; they will see many Reasons, to think, these Symptoms, though so various, originated from an

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Hereditary Evil in Mrs. *Palmer*; as her Grand-father died of it.

### C A S E L X V I I I .

*Princes Risborough, Bucks, May 17, 1776.*

Mr. MORLEY,

Sir, I should think myself wanting in Gratitude to you, and Humanity to my fellow Creatures; if I longer omitted acquainting the Public, of the great Cure, I have obtained by the Use of your Essay. When I was about Eleven Years of Age, I had the Evil broke out in my Neck; I have had the Advice of many eminent Surgeons, without receiving the least Benefit. I was in the most afflicting Situation without Hope of Recovery; in this Situation, I continued one-and-twenty Years. It is impossible for me to tell the Number of Wounds I had all that Time, for when one healed up, another broke out: till providentially your Essay was put into my Hands. I was determined to follow your Directions. I had then four Wounds, one on the left Side, and three on the Right, under my Ears, and many Swellings on both Sides. First I put on the Vervain Root, and a Poultice of white Bread and Milk, white Lilly Roots, and Groundsel, and laid on warm, Morning and Night. For a gentle Purge, I took boiled Roses once a Week; this I continued eleven Months; I then left off the Poultice, and applied the Black Plaister, I having then ten Wounds, five on each Side my Neck, and hollow from my Collar Bone to my Ear; I then took a gentle Purge of Jalap once a Week,

a Week, and the other six Days, a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, mixt with the same Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and washed it down with a Cup of Ground-Ivy Tea. I continued this two Years and three Months; which (with the Blessing of God) compleated the Cure. I am in a better State of Health, than ever I can remember. It is a Year and six Months ago, and I have had no Symptoms of the Disorder since.

*Your humble Servant,*

MARY MEAKES.

I shall make no Remarks on these two last extraordinary Cases and Cures, but leave it to the Consideration of every unprejudiced Reader, to judge how far my Essay has been useful to the Public, without my Personal Assistance. I might have added a Multitude more of Cures, from Letters sent me; but that would exceed the Bounds of a Twelve-Penny Pamphlet.

Any Person doubtful of these Letters being Genuine, may see the Originals, by consulting the Author; or may be informed by the Persons themselves, of the Veracity of the Facts. Happy for the Public! if those loose Hints, would lead the Physical and Surgical Gentlemen to consider seriously these few Sheets, without Prejudice or Partiality; especially, as many of the Faculty own, their Skill often at a Loss, finding their usual Methods, frequently disappointed, in the Cure of Scrophulous Cases. Gentlemen of Candour will acknowledge this. The Mercenary Tribe of Practitioners, are in

Fear for their *Diana* of the *Ephesians*. Above Nineteen Thousand of these Essays have appeared at Home, and in foreign Countries, which is certainly a Proof of their great Utility to the Public. Many charitable Persons have, by their Directions, been of vast Service to their afflicted Neighbours. But yet, I must ingenuously confess, some stubborn Cases, have not submitted to my mild and gentle Treatment; dangerous Methods and Medicines, I dare not use; or venture on that hazardous Practice; Kill or Cure.

I have had Application by Letter from many Persons, desiring me to send my Medicines and Directions, and my Charges for them, for which I should be punctually paid.

But all this is needless, as I make up no Medicines, nor will my almost worn out Eyes suffice to give any Directions in Writing. Neither can any Letter, I think, thoroughly convey a clear Description of the almost numberless Symptoms and Affections of the Scrophula; for which Reason, I gave no Directions to any Body whatever, unless they consult me in Person; and therefore have added to this Edition, something more, to make it as useful as possible to such People as cannot come to me, by Distance, Inability of Travelling, or other Avocations. Neither will my Age and Infirmities permit me to visit Patients, as I used to do. Any Person desirous of consulting me, living at a Distance, will act prudently, to send me their Case in Writing, a few Days before-hand.

hand, that I may the better consider it against I see them.

I have had many who have been salivated, and taken mercurial Preparations to very little Purpose ; on the contrary, hurtful, I have found salt Water taken inwardly to have had bad Effects, as already hinted. Outwardly it often dries up the Sores for a Time, which generally break out again near the same Places, and will continue to do so, unless the Habit of Body is altered. I very rarely order Bleeding, and never direct Vomits, which I think of no Use. Issues or Setons I do not approve, and generally dry them up, as they are apt to draw the Humours into them, inflame, and are troublesome without any Assistance towards the Cure, as I could ever observe. I repeat that I do not order Salts of any Kind for Purgation ; but always the most mild and gentle Things for that End. Hemlock I have used outwardly numberless Times, with great Success. I administer little inwardly : If any Tumours, &c. are near the Head, it must then be used with Caution, as Case IV. I never use Knife or Caustic to open an Abscess, sometimes the Point of a Lancer, and that but seldom : for I find proper Poultices much more eligible on many Accounts. I advise those who are costive under this Disorder (which is a very frequent Complaint) to keep the Body always open with very mild and gentle Purgatives ; a little at a Time, and often is more beneficial than strong Purges. Jalap I have found by long Experience, prepared as follows, to be the best family Purges for scrophulous Disorders.

**Disorders.** Take an Ounce of Jalap in fine Powder, steep it in Half a Pint of Geneva, in a Pint Bottle, close stopped, shake it well two or three Times a Day for a Week, gently pour off the clear, or filter it through whitish grey Paper: fling away the Dregs, and keep it close stopped for Use. A Man may take a Table Spoonful of this Tincture in a Quarter of a Pint of warm small Ale, Cheese Whey, or a Dish of Tea with Sugar: A Woman, one, two, or three Tea Spoonfuls: A young Child, a few Drops in its Victuals; always proportioning the Dose to the Age, Sex, and Strength of the Patient. Two Motions, or three at most, in twenty-four Hours are proper. It may be taken once or twice a Week at Discretion, as long as wanted. A Month in the Spring or Fall, will be very salutary, for all People subject to this Disorder; though no Complaints, only as a Preventative. When I order Antimony to be taken inwardly, I always direct it to be finely levigated, or powdered in an Iron Mortar, as fine as possible, and then sifted through fine Lawn or Muslin, so that few or no staining Particles appear; then it is a fine and safe Medicine. Never to wear any Covering over the Eyes, but wash them often with cold Spring Water, which will strengthen them and repel the Humour which the Purgatives will carry off. The Egg Liquor for Contractions is made with the Yolk of a new laid Hen's Egg, beat very thin, and six Spoonfuls of warm soft Water added, one at a Time; beat the Liquor continually, till well mixed. Gently rub the affected Part,

Part, three or four Times in the Day, with this Mixture and a warm Hand, five or six Minutes at a Time, covering the Part with Flannel to defend it from Cold. As the Sarsaparilla Decoction is very useful in some scrophulous Cases, boil two Ounces of the Root in three Pints of soft Water, to one Quart towards the End, add Half an Ounce of Liquorice, sliced thin, when dissolved strain; half a Pint, or more of this, may be taken twice a Day at Discretion. It is gentle easy Methods, not rough Prescriptions and painful Applications, that are most efficacious in this obstinate Disorder. Persons, though ever so poor and distressed, are welcome to consult me for Advice, in Person, if they find, or even suspect themselves to be tainted with this Disorder, on any Morning, from Ten to Twelve, and in the Afternoon from Three to Five of the Clock (Sundays excepted) if I am well.

Many many Guineas have been offered me; but I never take any Money. Sometimes, indeed, genteel People have sent me small Acknowledgments of Tea, Wine, Venison, &c. Generous ones, small Pieces of Plate, or other little Presents. Even neighbouring Farmers, a Goose or Turkey, &c. by Way of Thanks.

This I am obliged to say, as Persons wishing to consult me may be afraid, lest, as I am not regularly feed, should come with the After-Clap of a long Bill.

It cannot be expected, that I, who receive no Fee, should be at any Expence: Therefore  
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Letters to me must be free of Postage, or they must be returned.

The Pleasure I take in relieving the Afflicted, affords me the highest Content and Satisfaction, I will hope no one beats me any Evil; if there should be such, I always have in Mind St. Paul's Precept, *Not to be overcome of Evil, but to overcome Evil with Good.*

May all the Patients who receive any Benefit from my Essay, or my Directions in Person, say, with the Royal Psalmist—*Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits: Who forgiveth all thine Iniquities, who healeth all thy DISEASES!*

It possible may be of use to some to turn to several of my Prescriptions without great Trouble. I therefore have set down where many are at one View, to be found.

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Hemlock Ointment to make	19
Lime Water to make	50
Millepedes Pills, Wine, &c.	17, 24, 49, 59
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Ointment of Sorrel and Dock Roots	50
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For the Reader's Ease I have subjoined a Table of  
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